

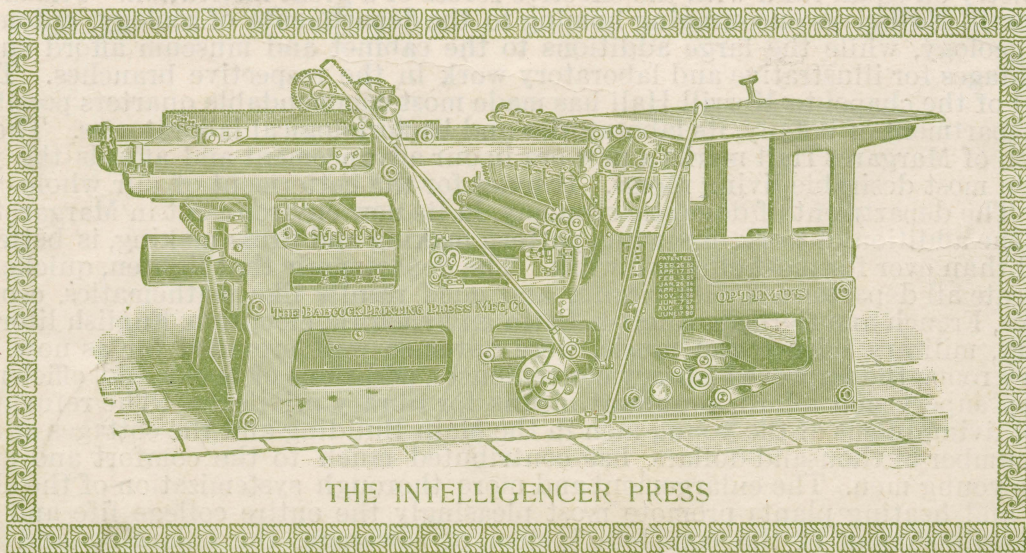
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VIEW OF MAIN BUILDING AND MORRILL HALL

IOWA STATE COLLEGE.

THE condition of the college presents to its friends and the public the completest facilities and the happiest outlook of all its history. No department has escaped the thrift and uplift of these recent growths. The engineering departments all bear evidence of new strength and facilities encouraging, comparable with those of any western institution. The creamery, experimental barn, the marked improving of the old barns and the building of Agricultural Hall are but embodied counterparts of the progress and success of the study in agriculture and horticulture.

The new bacteriological laboratories, recitation rooms and the refitting of the veterinary hospitals and barns, have placed veterinary science in the most commendable condition for efficient work. The new and admirable laboratories for agricultural chemistry in connection with increased apparatus, afford most excellent facilities for the investigation, teaching and observation fundamental to the experiment station and the general work of agricultural chemistry. The work of the experiment station and the Board of Direction of the station is receiving most valuable results. The fitting up and the enlarging of the most excellent laboratories in organic chemistry, together with the additional equipment and improved facilities place the work in chemistry on equal rank with the effective forces of a great institution. The erection of Morrill Hall gives encouraging homing to the departments of zoology, entomology and geology, while the large additions to the cabinet and museum afford superior advantages for illustrative and laboratory work in the respective branches. The removal of the chapel to Morrill Hall has made most commendable quarters possible for the department of botany, its laboratories and bacteriological laboratories. The completion of Margaret Hall marks a new era in our advancement and affords the young women most desirable living rooms. It tones for the betterment of our whole college life. The department of domestic economy, in its new environment in Margaret Hall, with the addition of work in sewing, pattern making and dress making, is better prepared than ever for most effective work. The departments that lighten, quicken and permeate all departments with vitality and good results like mathematics, economic science, French and German, English, Latin and rhetoric, elocution, English literature, history, military science and music, were never so well provided for as now. The library room, the improved library conveniences, additions of books and efficiency of library supervision afford abundant means for library privileges. The refurnishing of the living rooms of the young men in the Main Building and the cottages at a cost of a number of thousand dollars, has contributed much to the comfort and success of the young men. The enlargement and more thorough systemization of the electric light and heating plants promote most pleasingly the entire college life and work. The establishment of the complete system of sewerage, the enlarging and better equipment of the hospital, in connection with good medical supervision, insure first class sanitary conditions. The complete system of water works, the new green house, and large machine shops are the immediate coming additions of fresh promise and blessing.

The athletic grounds embrace twelve acres, affording tennis courts, base ball diamond, foot ball field, a fine track for bicycle and physical training and promise greatly for the spirit of our athletics and maturer manhood and womanhood. The faculty forces are working in utmost harmony. The Board of Trustees are a unit for the larger scope and usefulness of the institution. The friends of the institution abroad and at home were never more enthusiastic for the promotion of the college and the enlarging of its sphere. With such conditions of present attainment, unanimity of effort and ideal of undertaking, the future must be most promising.

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INTRODUCTION.

The object of this souvenir publication is to tell of the resources of Story county, with the record of its growth and development together with that of Ames, its principal city. A work of this character must always be a difficult undertaking. The records of early endeavor are necessarily incomplete. And, too, there is such a vast quantity of material that would be of interest did one have the time to arrange it properly or the space in which to develop it in detail. As is always the

obsolete to-day and is only of value as the raw material of anticipation. With the simple, expressive and old fashioned motto, "Upward and Onward," our citizens have striven with commendable ability and with uniform success not only to lay the foundations of the town well and strong, but to build thereon a community second to none in morals, business enterprise, educational advantages, intellectual growth and social culture. Through all the years that have since elapsed the moral social and business interests

ranking among the first in capital employed and business transacted; and that in intellectual culture, social refinement, moral worth and religious zeal the good people of this flourishing young city have no need to stand uncovered before any community in the great state of Iowa, the paradise of earth. We may add that on but one of the claims made above can any shadow rest.

Ames is located on section 2, township S3 north, range 24 west, and was born in the summer of 1864, thirty-two years ago. The selection of the site was the result of an accident—rather the miscarriage of a well laid plan—instead of a predetermined purpose. Our several histories relate that an ef-

a gentleman of good character, of great wealth and influence, and a descendant of the distinguished Fisher Ames who took a prominent part in Washington's administration and in the councils of his native state. It is probable that Mr. Ames' connection with the railway and his valuable service in extending its long lines of communication suggested his name as appropriate for the new station. The town gained nothing by being named after this distinguished citizen except the bell that hangs in the cupola of the Congregational Church, donated by Mr. Ames. In a history that lies before us we see that "Ames was laid out in 1864, plat and deed of lands for the public use filed for record January, 1865, and was incorporated in 1869." It is hardly necessary to say in this brief sketch that Ames has not been "laid out" but once, and that not since it was officially platted. Since that time there have been several additions to the incorporation, among which we enumerate Duff's, Born's, Bigelow & Chamberlain's, Ives, College Park and the entire College farm.

Three years ago Ames incorporated as a city of the second class and was divided into four wards whose boundaries it is not necessary to define in this article.

The men who settled this region came largely from the New England states. What the undertaking meant only they can tell with the eloquence born of hardship and suffering. All honor to the brave pioneers who have made the western prairies bloom like a garden of Eden. We are sorry that we do not have sufficient space to pay proper tribute to the energy and persistence that accomplished things of incalculable value to posterity.

Noah Webster erected the first dwelling house in Ames on Douglas street, where Capt. Greeley's elegant home now stands. H. N. Tupper helped in the work of building the first residence. The next building erected was the home of Dr. Carr, the first physician to hang out his shingle in Ames. Deacon H. F. Kingsbury, of happy memory, was the first station agent. He resided for a time in the depot building, later he erected a house on the site now occupied by the Davis hotel. Mr. Kingsbury had also the honor of being first express agent, the first postmaster and the first merchant. He went home years ago to the reward of a well spent life. Of the early settlers of Ames we might also appropriately mention Rev. Reid, who delivered the first sermon, Rev. White, first pastor of the Congregational church, and Revs. Hankins and Day, who occupied the same position in point of time to the M. E. and Baptist churches. We may also men-



Bridge over Squaw Creek.

case in telling the story of the past facts are first to be gathered into a form that will permit of their use and in the weeding out that follows after this step some things that might be of general interest may be thrown away and some unimportant things reserved to the grief of the reader, if not also to the sorrow of the editor. The manner in which we have performed the task we set ourselves to accomplish we leave to the judgment of the reader. If we have not done full justice to the place in which we reside and with whose future we hope to be identified for long years to come, it is not because of any unwillingness of spirit, but rather because the task was too big for the time or means at our command. The result is before you, and we ask of all, whether stranger or citizen, into whose hands this work may fall, to carefully read its pages and see if there cannot be found in the record of municipal endeavor told herein an answer to the question as to why Ames has grown and why the future to its residents appears bright as the day. The public is sometimes sceptical with regard to works of this character, holding that the tendency is to over paint as well as over draw. And it must be admitted that this feeling of scepticism is often supported by the facts. But in the present instance we think we have found enough that is creditable and true to say about our home city to warrant us in inviting the sceptical to look further. If they should do so we would expect them to acknowledge that our picture of a thriving city in the heart of Iowa had not been painted with the brush of exaggeration. One word more by way of introduction. We have dealt with the past merely as preliminary to the present and one of the views we have taken of the present has been to consider its conditions as a good or bad foundation for a satisfactory future.

THE CITY OF AMES.

So many histories have been written of this young metropolis that it would seem a useless waste of space to add a new symposium of facts to those with which the public are already familiar. Unlike many other cities near and remote whose booming days have been followed by periods of decay, Ames, dispensing with the boom, has had a steady growth from the beginning and the bright hopes for the future which its citizens entertain have a reasonable foundation. Wherever growth be found the story of yesterday becomes

of the community have moved hand and hand; factions are so nearly unknown that the average citizen would demand an introduction if such appeared and the aim of our people has always been to write it in unequivocal terms, "the greatest good to the greatest number." The public weal has been invariably the sine qua non of united action. From other communities the lesson of "a house divided against itself" has been learned and there has been no toleration for the dissension that must invariably substitute decay for growth. United in thought and purpose the builders of this city wrought so well that its progress has never been staid and so much has been done considering the opportuni-

fort was made by the Northwestern's town site company through a lady of distinguished local repute to obtain by purchase certain lands west of the Agricultural College, on which to locate a "station," but the wily farmer, with an eye single to a plethoric purse, thought he beheld gold galore in the not far future and elevated the value of his acres to so great an altitude that the prospective purchasers were frightened away and thereupon selected the present location for the new town. Opinions differ as to the relative value of the proposed and selected sites. That one possessed certain advantages over the other is not in dispute, balancing one against the other it may be



View of Driveway on College Campus.

ties that the high expectations of the future only require time for their fruition is the judgment of every resident. The following declarations of fact constitute the creed of every loyal citizen of the place: Population greater than that of any other community in Story county; educational advantages incomparably superior to those of any neighboring city; railroad facilities unsurpassed, our lines of railway pointing to the four fingers of the compass; commercial and industrial enterprises

justly assumed from the progress made that nothing has been lost while much may have been gained by the inability of our ancestors to accept the advice of a namesake of one of our prosperous citizens "to move further west and grow up with the country."

Who suggested the name and by whom named the writer of these lines is unable to state. The town was named after Oakes Ames, then a prominent citizen of Massachusetts, a large stockholder in the C. & N. W. Railway,

tion in addition to those before alluded to as prominent in the development of Miller and Sherwood, who built the West House, Wm. West, Mr. and Mrs. Ames Boyd Bros., S. O. Osborn, S. H. Duff, Irwin Rainbolt and L. Q. Hoggatt, who died about a year ago at an advanced age, D. C. Kerr, Farwell and K. W. Brown, W. G. Wright, Henry May, Ben Read, D. N. Maxwell, Henry McCarthy, Dr. D. S. Fairchild, W. M. Greeley, J. L. Budd, L. H. Bingham, F. T. McLain, Dr. Richmond, W. D. Lu-

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cas, D. A. Bigelow and Geo. G. Tilden, the latter three having died within a few years. The list is not complete by any means, to our regret, but in is hard to get exact information or avoid accidental omissions. We had thought to give a list of others who, coming at a later day, have been and are still very active in pushing the city forward, but as this is not intended as a directory, must forbear.

Immediately after the incorporation of the town in 1869, Wm. West, now an honored resident of Rock Rapids, was chosen mayor. His successors have been W. D. Lucas, Wm. Clark, C. E. Turner, Walter Evans, G. A. Underwood, E. R. Chamberlain, Geo. G. Tilden, Henry Wilson, John Watts, Parley Sheldon, and M. K. Smith; several of these for more than one term. H. F. Kingsbury, L. Q. Hoggatt, S. C. Lucas, Mrs. Hattie Lucas, John Watts, Parley Sheldon, and J. E. Duncan, have distributed the U. S. mail. Much that is historical in character will be found

Ames is the school for instruction in military science, attended by the officers of the Iowa National Guard and conducted by General Jas. Rush Lincoln. Although this school is comparatively new, the third session having just been finished, its usefulness has been thoroughly established and it may be regarded as a permanent feature in the work of our state militia. Instruction given by a man who has made a life study of the science of war and whose opinion on military matters is sought by officers of high rank in the regular army must be of particular value to the citizen soldiery of the state. At the session which closed its work for the year '97 on the 12th of February, there were in attendance 102 officers, ranking from 2d lieutenant to brigadier general, and their studies were on the following branches: Drill regulations, guard duty, military law, field engineering, minor tactics and administration.

The guard of our state is officered

take advantage of every opportunity that presents itself for their instruction and general advancement.

Iowa can put in the field, at 24 hours notice, a small body of men as to numbers, but able to meet any emergency that may arise and will not be compelled to delay required action until her troops can be prepared for service.

Shearer was chief architect and general master mechanic, but a woman's hands set the glass in the window, and no one of the few workers was backward in any gift. The lots and \$300 came from the Cedar Rapids and Missouri R. R. Co., which meant Hon. John I. Blair of New Jersey. The story goes that when Mr. Blair was passing through Ames, the pastor sent one of the women of his flock to the train to



Residence Property of C. Hamilton.

in the sketches of churches, fraternities and various institutions appearing elsewhere in this publication.

Coming down to Ames of the present day we are reminded of a remark made by Max O'Rell in speaking of a young western city. After alluding to its few years he said: "By it has more than 5,000 inhabitants, the electric light in the streets, a public library, two hotels, four churches, two banks, a public school, a high school, cuspidors, tooth picks and all the signs of American civilization." If the witty Frenchman had been speaking of Ames he might have enlarged his ideas, for Ames can boast of two railroads, a passenger train for every hour of the twenty-four, a street railway in the motor that runs between it and the college, churches and school buildings in larger number than he describes, water works, city hall and opera house, a model electric light plant, numerous business enterprises and artisans of every conceivable character from the skilled mechanic to the tramp, now sel-

by men who recognize the dignity and importance of their profession and fully realize the fact that uniforms and shoulder straps do not make officers, but that it requires close study and constant practice to make the efficient soldier. Their work in the school proved how earnestly they are seeking to fit themselves for any duty their state may require of them, and their instructors report that their examinations proved that they were most earnest and intelligent students and bright officers.

Gen. Lincoln reports that the purpose in establishing the school has been more than accomplished, and in order to meet the requirements of the students, the scope and work of the school for another year will be greatly increased.

Hereafter the students will not be the officers of a single regiment at each week's session, but a graded course will be arranged covering a period of four years which will add materially to the value of the school as well as in-



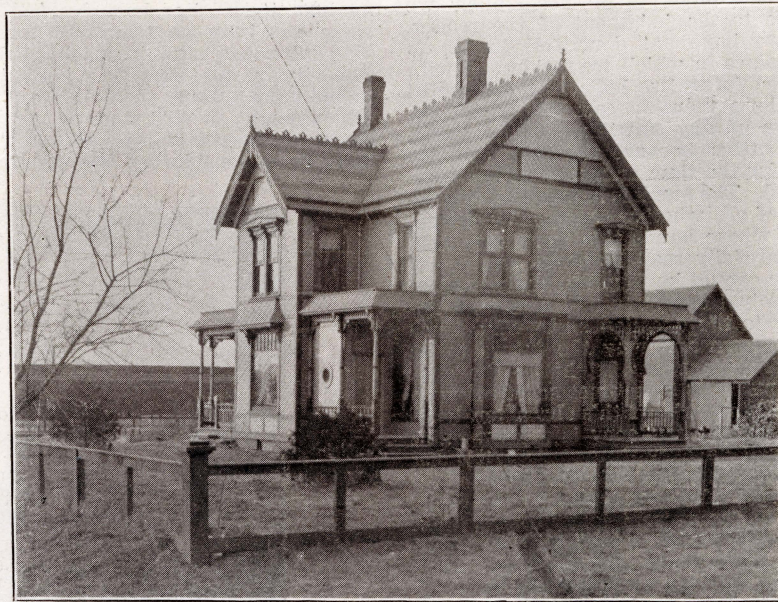
Residence of C. R. Quade.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The possibilities of congregationalism as the "solvent of the sects" were illustrated in the origin of the Ames church. Of its eight charter members, three were Presbyterians, two Baptists, and three Congregationalists. They were: H. F. and Mary Kingsbury, Cynthia A. Duff, John Whitelaw, Lyman and Phoebe Pierce, and R. B. and Elizabeth Shearer, three of whom still remain as honored residents of the community. The church congratulates itself that to this day its Presbyterian element has been nearly as strong as its Congregational, that it still furnishes a congenial refuge for some of the Baptist faith, and that a great va-

solicit a gift of \$100 for the building, while he remained at home to pray the Lord to dispose the railroad magnate to liberality. She returned with the promise of \$300 whether in answer to prayer or because Mr. Blair could not resist her pleading, history does not record. At the dedication service Hon. J. B. Grinnell promised to see that Oakes Ames of Massachusetts gave a bell and \$50, on condition that all other indebtedness was raised, which was done. The pulpit, bible and communion service came from New York friends.

Mr. White was followed by Rev. Simon Gilbert, then fresh from the seminary, but since for many years editor of the Chicago "Advance," the leading Congregational paper of the West. It



Residence of Frank N. Fowler.

riety of belief and denominational preferences have been included in its membership and constituency. Recognizing that there would be greater ease of administration and co-operation in a more homogeneous church, it still rejoices that it is able to offer the congregational way as an acceptable basis of fellowship to so many sorts and conditions of men.

The immediate agent in the organization of the church was Rev. J. White, of Woodstock, Conn., who had come west for his health and was a temporary resident of the infant town of Ames. The formal organization took place November 5, 1865. Finding Iowa a good place and at the call of the little church Mr. White resigned his charge at Woodstock and became its pastor in December, '65, remaining until March, '68. He built and occupied the house now owned by Mr. Chas. Bradley. During his pastorate the present church building was erected at a cost of \$1,800.00. Uncle Robert

is curious that the father of the present pastor was also just then graduating from the seminary and had been picked out by the home missionary authorities as the man for Ames, but Mr. Gilbert, corresponding personally with the church, was called by it. He remained but one year. He was followed by Rev. A. A. Baker from '69 to '74. Mr. Baker is still a hale veteran of the ministerial army, located at Colfax, Iowa. From '75 to '79 Rev. Geo. G. Perkins, now of Blair, Nebraska, was pastor. The parsonage was built and the church came to self-support during his period of service. Next came Rev. W. P. Bennett, his pastorate ending in 1884. Mr. Perkins, before him, had had regular preaching services in the brick school house, four miles north of town. Mr. Bennett continued them, moved them to the new town of Gilbert and later organized the church there. That flourishing child of the Ames church is now an organization of some sixty members, well



B. F. Sies' Residence.

dom found at the city stone pile, and last but far from least, the largest and best college in Iowa. Also two thousand as bright, intelligent, prosperous and happy people as ever peopled the earth.

IOWA NATIONAL GUARD.

One of the features of winter life in

introduce study of a much advanced character, and the classes will be composed of the officers of the several regiments as they may be eligible.

Iowa can boast of having established the first School of Instruction for her officers and in having a body of educated and capable officers who willingly

equipped for every good work. From Iowa Mr. Bennett moved a state westward, was long prominently identified with the denominational and educational interests of Nebraska, and died within a year at Crete in that state. From '84 to '88 Ezra C. Moulton, now of Red Oak, was pastor. In his days the lecture room (which the ungodly likened to a summer kitchen) was added to the church, however it increased the inner capacity and usefulness of the church to a considerable degree. As long as 1876 the church "manual"

bent, Rev. H. E. Slattery, on the 20th of last October.

THE AMES BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Ames Baptist church was organized July 11, 1868, with fourteen members. About ten years previous to this, there had been an organization of the same faith and practice in this vicinity calling itself the First Baptist church of Squaw Creek, and holding its meetings in different school houses. The members remaining of this last men-

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Elder N. A. McConnell was the first preacher among the Disciples of Christ to labor in Ames. That was in 1869, the day of the controversy and debate among the churches, and Elder McConnell was assisted in his work by a public discussion between the Christian and the Methodist denominations, represented respectively by Messrs. Carpenter and Eccles. Though several converts were made, no organization was effected at that time. Later on, in

sermons from visiting brethren. Yet in this time they met faithfully to celebrate the Lord's Supper, and their Sunday School grew in numbers and efficiency. Another series of meetings held in March, 1891, gave the church a new impulse of life, and since that time the congregation has been steadily growing. T. J. Dow, now of Iowa City, was engaged to preach for half time. A revival in the following March gave the church sufficient strength to secure the services of Rev. Dow for all



Congregational Church and Parsonage.

had declared that a larger church was an imperative necessity. For ten years that was a "hope set before" the people, and finally the lecture room came. Half of the next decade has gone and we are still wondering if ten years is the allotted period, and if we have to wait that long for that "new church" which public opinion is now and again declaring ought to be built. But we write history, not prophecy.

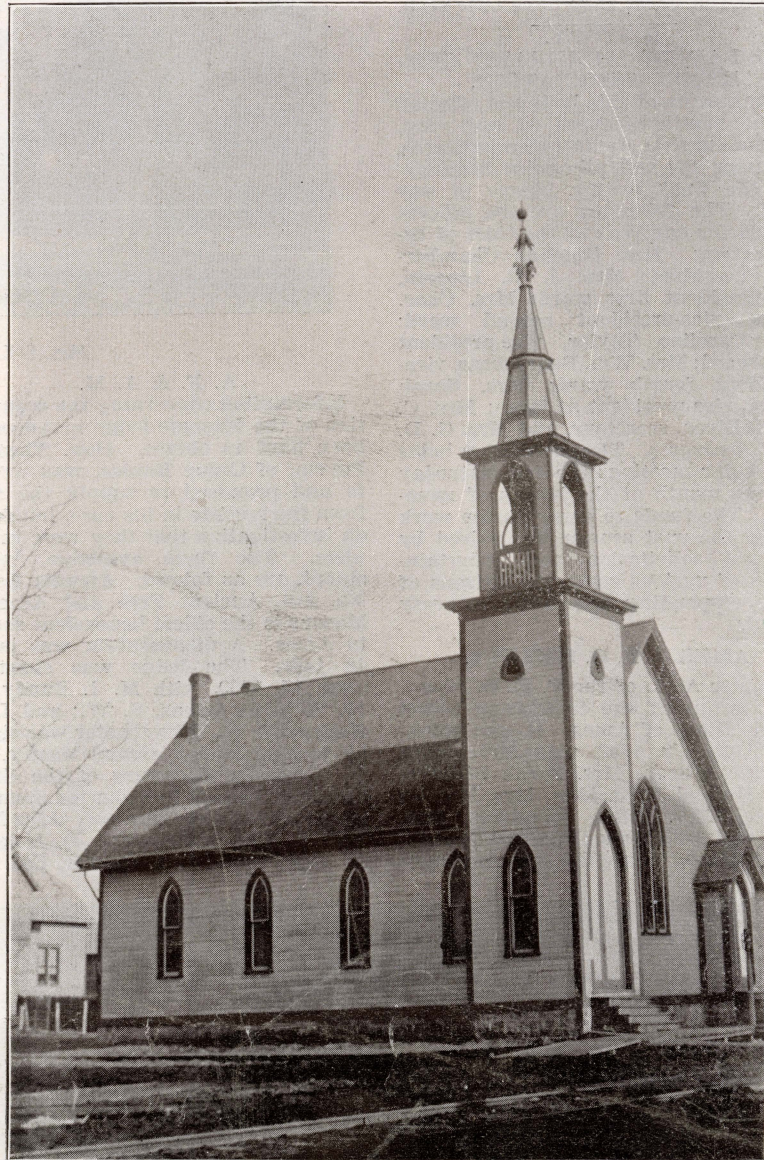
After Mr. Moulton, Rev. F. D. Wells, now of Des Moines, served the church for two years, then came the late beloved pastor, Rev. Frances J. Douglass, whose sixth year ended with the first of last November. He leaves a prosperous and united church to another Douglass, of no blood-relationship to him, and some half century younger, whose career is sketched elsewhere.

The report of the year 1896 presented at the annual meeting Dec. 16th was all encouraging and bore witness to faithful work. The membership is 176, while benevolent contributions (exclusive of home expenses) were \$327.44. These figures will compare favorably with the report of any Congregational church in the state of equal membership. The officers for 1897 are: Clerk, Mrs. H. B. Duncan; treasurer, Dr. Albert Richmond; deacons, Hezekiah Gilbert, W. G. Wright and Wm. McMichael; deaconess, Mrs. Ruth A. Cook; trustees, Dr. H. M. Templeton, L. C. Tilden, L. H. Bingham; Sunday School superintendent, C. H. Sies; president Ladies' Aid Society, Mrs. Sarah A. Davis; president Ladies' Missionary Society, Mrs. Charles F. Curtiss.

U. B. CHURCH.

The Society of the United Brethren in Christ was organized in Ames in January, 1887, by Elder George Miller of Carlisle, Iowa. He was helped by Rev. W. W. Lewis and Rev. George Van Deventer. The society at that time was composed of sixteen members and preaching services were held in the old school house on the south side which was no longer used for school purposes. Immediately after organization the class planned the erection of a church building. During the spring and summer following the other churches of the city kindly granted the use of their respective places of worship until the new church was completed. The dedicatory services were held August 7, 1887, conducted by Rev. Beardshear, then president of Western College, and Dr. Miller of Carlisle. The cost of the church at the time of dedication approximated \$3,000, and numerous improvements have been added since that time. The parsonage is valued at over \$1,000, with the contingent improvements. The membership is considerable in excess of 100. Rev. George Van Deventer was the first pastor, his successor being the Rev. W. W. Lewis. Rev. Spencer was in charge of the church in 1888; Rev. Talbot in 1890; Rev. J. H. Snook in 1891. From 1891 to 1894 Rev. B. J. Clark held the pastorate. Rev. Hicks, his successor, remained two years, being succeeded by the present incumbent,

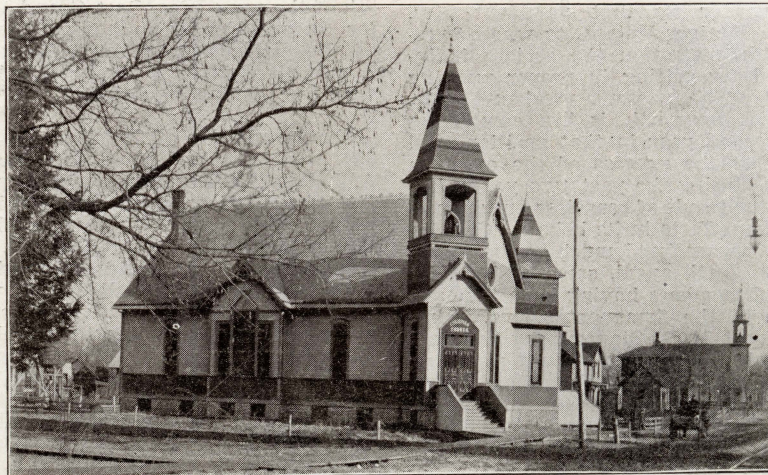
tioned organization, soon presented their letters and were received into the new Ames Baptist church. For nearly a year only occasional meetings were held. Rev. Wm. Day of Boone acted as supply minister, meetings being held in the upper room of what is now the third ward school building. In April 1869, the Rev. H. A. Barden was secured as pastor, and the lots purchased upon which the present church building stands. The Congregational people kindly gave the use of their house of worship, and meetings were held regularly Sabbath afternoons for six months when Rev. Barden resigned. January 1, 1870, the church called the Rev. S. H. Mitchell, a pioneer in the work, to the pastorate. He remained in this field five years. During the first two years the church met in Tomblin's hall, where the Sabbath school was organized, with only seven available children. In 1872-73 the church building was erected. It was not quite completed, but was free from debt. Prof. I. P. Roberts of I. A. C. (now professor of agriculture at Cornell University) was chairman of the building committee. On the resignation of Rev. Mitchell in 1875, the Rev. D. D. Proper became pastor, serving the church faithfully for two years, during which time there were large accessions to the church membership. During the year 1878, Rev. J. B. Reynolds held the pastorate, and upon his resignation the Rev. Amos Robinson became pastor. He served one and a half years and was succeeded by Rev. H. D. Weaver. He and his estimable wife remained on the scene until the spring of 1884. During his pastorate and through the efforts of Mrs. Weaver, the present parsonage site was secured and the pastor's family installed in the small building which then occupied the lot. In the fall of 1884 the Rev. G. H. Starling came as pastor, remaining a year and a half and added a number to the membership of the church by baptism. Upon his resignation a call was extended to the Rev. H. W. Wilson of New York, who took up the work in April, 1886. During his pastorate the church was presented with a beautiful bell by H. C. Huntington, in memory of his loving wife, who had for many years been a very faithful member. The church tower was also completed, the building repainted, carpeted, etc. From 1890 to '91 the Rev. W. L. Moore was pastor, and the following September Rev. T. M. Rickman succeeded him, remaining until midsummer 1895. During his term of service the present beautiful parsonage was erected at a cost of over \$3,000. A number of persons were added to the church, both by baptism and by letter. The present pastor, Rev. A. C. Blackman, has been with the church just a year. A number have united with the church in that interval, and it is hoped that with the aid of his efficient wife, the church may be lead onward and upward and that it may be built up along all lines of Christian usefulness. The present membership is 102.



Baptist Church.

'75 and '76, G. L. Brokaw, editor of the Christian Index, preached several sermons, resulting in a number of conversions. The present congregation was organized April 20, 1887, under the direction of Rev. J. H. Painter. The number of charter members was ten. The old M. E. church building was purchased and moved to its present location opposite the town hall, where it served as a place of meeting for several years. It was not until February of the following year that the Disciples were strong enough to secure regular preaching services. But at that time J. W. Vankirk held a protracted meeting and was engaged to preach each alternate Sunday. The church house was re-furnished and re-dedicated and a thriving Sunday School was begun. With February of '89 the church was again without a preacher, and for a year heard only occasional

his time, and for another year the congregation prospered under his leadership. On the resignation of Mr. Dow to enter the pastorate at Iowa City, Rev. J. K. Hester was called to the ministry on the recommendation of Pres. Aylesworth of Drake University. Mr. Hester proved to be an able and energetic man, and with the co-operation of the congregation, his ministry of over three and one-half years placed the future prosperity of the church upon a sure foundation. During this ministry the membership was more than doubled; a new and commodious church was built and the brotherhood was educated into a competent organization for self-government. Since February of the past year H. P. Williams has been conducting the ministry. The year has brought to the church a reasonable measure of growth. They have at the present time



Church of Christ.

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a membership of 200, having just closed a series of special meetings which resulted in very materially arousing the spirituality of the church and adding thirty-two to the fellowship.

Bingham & Co. claim the honor of being the oldest hardware firm in Story county, and outside the city of Boone the oldest in a large territorial area. They have been in business continually since 1873. Coming from Wisconsin to this region they have been well satisfied with the country and consider it the finest they have ever seen.

HISTORY.

THE LADIES' AUXILIARY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION.

Organization of this body was effected in the month of April of last year, for the purpose, as its name indicates, of caring for and otherwise beautifying the final resting places of our dead. The following are the officers elected for one year at the time of organization: Mrs. Emeline Chamberlain, president; Mrs. J. R. Lincoln, vice-president first ward; Mrs. Chas. Sope, vice-president second ward; Mrs. Caroline Taylor, vice-president third ward; Mrs. Wm. Beardshear, vice-president fourth ward; Mrs. Sarah Davis, vice-president at large; Mrs. C. W. McElyea, secretary, and Mrs. G. D. Loud, treasurer. The association holds its regular meetings the first Saturday of each month at the homes of members. The funds to carry on the work during the past season was raised by personal solicitation and entertainments of various sorts, the citizens of Ames responding generously to every appeal.

AMES P. E. O. SOCIETY.

Chapter A. A. of the P. E. O. Sisterhood is one of the flourishing secret organizations of Ames. It was organized August 3, 1892, with Mrs. Sarah Kraiger Wilson, Mrs. Sarah Bigelow, Mrs. Harriet J. Sheldon, Mrs. Harriet Santee, Mrs. Ellen Bingham, Mrs. Beck and Miss Dora Hamilton as charter members. Since the organization it

native home of the order, there being at the present time fifty-five chapters with a membership of over 1,700. The order supports a monthly magazine, "The P. E. O. Record," published at Waterloo, by Mrs. Richards, a woman of excellent literary and journalistic talent.



Mrs. S. E. Bigelow's Residence.

A. F. & A. M.

Information concerning the organization of the Masonic lodge in Ames has been hard to obtain. Hon. Theodore Parvin, of Cedar Rapids, was written to and promised to supply the facts from the records in his care, but found on investigation that they were incomplete. The facts available, briefly stated, are as follows: Arcadia Lodge, No. 249, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons is the oldest benevolent society in Ames. A dispensation was issued in 1868. The lodge was chartered June 17, 1869, with M. J. Bundy, W. M.; Wm. D. Lucas, S. W.; and L. Q. Hoggatt, J. W. The charter was signed by Reuben Mickel, Grand Master, and T. S. Parvin, Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. The charter members so far as the records show, were M. J. Bundy, Wm. D. Lucas, L. Q. Hoggatt, A. McFarlane, A. J. Graves, Cal. Gid-

property, including furnishings, etc., \$1,000. Since its first organization over \$1,000 has been paid its members from the sick benefit fund. Number of members in good standing, 113. Since its organization the Ames lodge I. O.

municipal ownership is one that will is not much doubt but that the idea of be greatly developed in the future, perhaps to a greater extent than anticipated by even its most enthusiastic advocates of today. As long as correct principles of business are not excluded from the city's governing body and as long as the incompetent are denied employment in any capacity the scheme of public ownership is certain to be in some degree successful.

Ames was brought to adopt the plan of owning its own light plant through the failure of private companies to appreciate the opportunity for profitable investment offering itself in the unlighted streets of Ames. One company forfeited a franchise to the great satisfaction of the present day public. The question was closely studied by the people for a year and at the election following the one which granted the franchise to the private company, it was decided that Ames would do for herself what individual enterprise had not done for her and an issue of bonds to construct a light plant was authorized. The sale of this bond issue, which was fortunately made before the excitement of the campaign had disorganized business, left about \$16,000 available for the erection of the light plant and the improvement of the water works after the floating indebtedness had been disposed of. The city government wisely determined to gather information from the experience of other cities rather than to get it at home and pay a big price for it later.

O. F. has lost three-fourths of its members by death. This order meets over the store of Bigelow & Smith, where comfortable quarters, finely furnished and electric lighted, have been provided. The members of this lodge are entitled to great credit for its able financial management.



Residence of Prof. C. F. Curtiss.

ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT.

The year 1896 will be memorable in the history of Ames as the year when the idea of municipal lighting was adopted as the policy of the city. Other cities have given away franchises that, apparently valueless at the time, have made their fortunate later owners millionaires. These franchises in many cases, had they been retained and developed by the municipality, would have provided an ample revenue for all the purposes of government as well as a cheaper and better service. As system, or electric light plant owned by the city would be welcomed by the a substitute for taxation a street car residents of many of our larger cities as a source of revenue for public expenditure, infinitely less burdensome and free from the curse of unequal valuation and assessment dodging. There

Several plants were inspected and the trip to Jefferson, outside of the information of a practical character obtained, resulted in the discovery of a man competent to construct the kind of a plant that was desired and successfully manage it afterward. From the arrival of this gentleman, Mr. Clifton, in June, the work of construction was pushed forward as rapidly as possible. Nov. 13 the plant was completed to the extent of showing the people of Ames on that date a light as brilliant and steady as any plant in the state can supply. In the time that has since elapsed the people of Ames have hardly got through congratulating themselves of the great progress made. A substantial brick building has been put up for light plant and pumping station. A new steam pump has been procured and it only takes a little while to fill tank and mains with a



Residence property of Jerry Sexton.

has enjoyed a good healthy growth until at the present time it numbers thirty-five members. As the name indicates the society is composed exclusively of ladies, but occasionally the gentlemen and other friends are invited, and some of the leading social events of the season are the results of such efforts on the part of the Sisterhood.

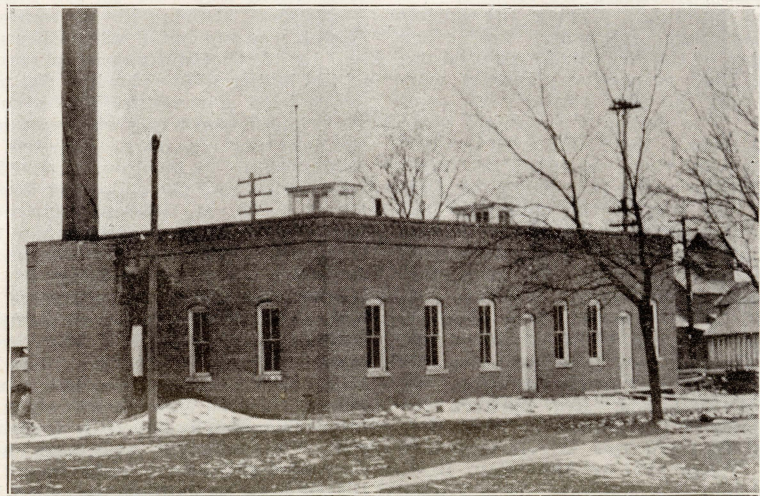
The emblematic colors of the order are yellow and white; yellow woman's love; white, purity. The symbol is a golden star bearing the letters "P. E. O." This society was fortunate in having for its first president Mrs. Sarah Kraiger Wilson, to whose careful administration the society is indebted for getting in proper working order. The present president, Mrs. Nell M. Bosworth, is just completing her second year in that position, and much of the success of the order in Ames, during the past two years, has been the result of ceaseless energy and untiring efforts in its behalf. Chapter A. A. has suffered much at the hands of the death angel, some of its most valued members having been taken to shine in the firmament above. Mrs. Margaret McD. Stanton, for one, and one-half years a most valued presiding officer, Mrs. Laura West Smith, Mrs. Sarah K. Wilson, already mentioned, Mrs. Eliza Whitaker and Mrs. Hattie Santee having been called to the home beyond. The greatest number of chapters and membership in the P. E. O. Sisterhood still belongs to Iowa, the

dings, P. L. Porter, B. B. Selby, J. S. Starr, I. T. Miller and Ed Carr. Among the oldest members are Alexander McFarlane, who was made a Mason at Windsor Canada, in 1855. Robert Allen who joined in Iowa in 1852, and Jas. Hutchison, who became a Mason in Virginia in 1856.

Arcadia Lodge has occupied five different lodge rooms during the twenty-eight years of its existence, the first location being over a blacksmith shop, where the post office is now situated. The present lodge room was fitted up in the fall of 1888 and was dedicated Nov. 8th of the same year, Past Grand Master George Van Saun having charge of the ceremonies. The membership is now about 105 and the lodge is in a very prosperous condition.

I. O. O. F.

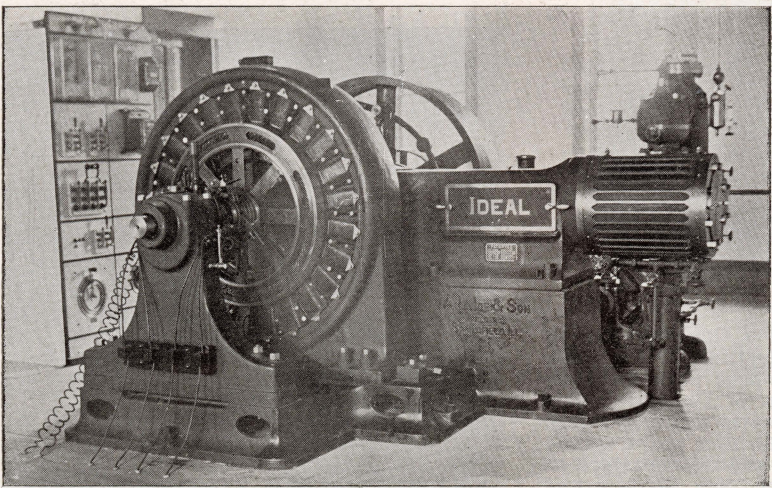
The Ames lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 309, was organized by Grand Master A. J. Baker of Des Moines on the petition of the following ancient Odd Fellows: Cary Diehl, W. F. Chevalier, Henry McDaniel, Wm. West, E. B. Albright and G. H. Gates. The night that the lodge was installed there was added by initiation twenty-two members, making a total charter membership of twenty-eight. The aggregate amount of funds on hand after the first meeting was \$310. Since that time there has been steadily added by initiation fees and regular quarterly dues to date, so that a financial showing can be made as follows: Amount secured, real estate loans, \$1,200; cash in the treasury, \$265; value of lodge



Electric Light Plant and Pumping Station.

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good quality of water from the new well. In housing the two systems together a great saving has been effected. We are not sure that our descriptive powers can do justice to the electrical machinery and the manner of its arrangement. Some important matter may have been overlooked or some unimportant item brought to public attention in the effort made to sketch the interior of the plant. We are not electricians but we are sure that the city of Ames has every reason to feel proud of its electric lighting plant, consisting as it does of one of the first direct connected, slow speed, two face alternators that has been installed in the West. As direct connected units in the direct current for electric lighting and power have without doubt secured the foremost position of economical distribution of electrical energy.



Engine and Dynamo of Ames' Electric Light Plant.

Placing the alternating current apparatus in this same class permits long distance distribution with the very highest economy.

Our city lighting plant has been installed by master workmen in every branch. The steam plant, consisting of one 150-horse power Ideal automatic cut-off steam engine, built by A. L. Ide & Sons, Springfield, Ill., and is of their latest improved type, equipped with their Ideal steam separator, receiver and lever handle throttle valve. This valve is especially designed to instantly stop the engine in case of any accident to the machinery. The engine is also equipped with their efficient self-oiling system, by which all of the bearings are thoroughly lubricated with one-fourth of the oil ordinarily used for this purpose, and in addition to this the friction is reduced to a very large extent, as was recently shown in a test, made by experts, of five of these engines, located in the American Surety Company's building at New York City, where it was found that owing to the efficiency of the self-

is running at full load and full speed. As will be noted from the accompanying illustration, the dynamo is direct connected to the engine. The base of the dynamo is a part of the engine and made in one casting with it.

The boilers are two in number, 100-horse power each, and are built by the Springfield Boiler & Manufacturing Company, Springfield, Ill., and are for a working pressure of 100 pounds. They are of their latest pattern and best workmanship throughout. The boilers are set with furnaces to get the best results from the quality of coal used in this section, and are equipped with shaking and dumping grates. The complete steam plant was furnished and installed by J. G. Robertson of St. Paul, Minnesota.

THE M. E. CHURCH.

It has been said, and truthfully too, that the M. E. church is the pioneer church of the age, for wherever civilization has been found on the frontier, whether in the woods of Indiana or on the prairies of Minnesota, there has been found the circuit rider on horseback with his saddlebag, preaching every four weeks in school houses or homes to those who might gather to hear him. The first Methodist service ever held in our immediate vicinity was at what is now known as Bloomington, in 1859, that being a part of what was called Ft. Dodge district, the Rev. S. S. Gossard being the pastor. A committee selected by the members of the society to estimate table expenses and horse feed for the year, reported the munificent sum of \$260.00 as a fair compensation for his services. This minister had ten classes in his circuit, which extended from Iowa Center to Story City. In June, 1860, it was decided to throw Bloomington, Nevada and Iowa Center into a four weeks circuit, with two preachers, one of whom was the Rev. W. O. Glassner. In 1865, Rev. W. S. Darwin was selected as pastor, with six appointments and a salary of \$600. In April, 1866, the trustees and building committee



Methodist Church and Parsonage.

oiling system, these engines operated with less than one-half the friction ordinarily found in engines lubricated from ordinary oil cups. This engine runs so perfectly that a silver dollar will stand balanced on its milled edge on the cylinder head while the engine

for the city of Ames were appointed as follows: Isaac Black, M. F. Wakefield, Thos. Grayson, S. O. Osborn, S. H. Miller, Ira Bixby, Thos. Gossard, trustees; Isaac Black, Ira Bixby, S. O. Osborn, building committee. During this year was built the first Methodist church edifice in Ames, which was located on the corner now occupied by

the Opera House block. The year 1867 was a prosperous one for this society, receiving as it did fifty-two to membership during the last half of the year. F. P. Newlands succeeded to the pastorate in 1867, at a salary of \$795.00, with four appointments. Each charge during this year maintained flourishing Sabbath schools and interesting Bible classes. Rev. E. Kendall

who served the congregation acceptably during '91-2, when H. J. Everly was returned for a second time to the Ames congregation. The present parsonage was erected in 1893, and owing to the skillful management of the building committee, the pastor was enabled to take possession of a new home which was free from debt. The completion of this home gave the Ames



Prof. J. L. Budd's Residence.

began his first pastorate in Ames in 1869, with three appointments and a salary of \$700. Many of the older residents of Ames and vicinity will remember the painstaking energy and zeal with which every line of church from his pastoral duties to assume the responsibility of a presiding elder at the close of the year 1871. Rev. Amos Wilson came to Ames at this time and was pastor in charge until 1873, when work was kept up during the stay of this estimable man, which terminated in the fall of 1870, he being succeeded on the charge by the Rev. J. G. Eccles, who was retired the Rev. A. Brown assumed the duties of that office receiving a salary of \$700 and house rent. In September, 1875, the Des Moines conference sent I. T. Miller, brother of our townsman, T. J. Miller, to lead Methodism in Ames which he succeeded in doing in a most acceptable manner until relieved in September 1877. His successor in this field of labor was E. W. Brady, who was in turn succeeded in 1878 by B. F. Durfee. Wm. Abraham served the church in Ames during the year 1880,

Methodists one of the finest church properties in the Boone district. The society enjoys a membership of 200, maintaining a flourishing Sunday School under the superintendency of Mrs. Jennie Beyer, an Epworth League under the skillful management of Dr. C. E. Hunt, and a Junior League under the careful supervision of Geo. O'Brien, all of which societies at the present time are enjoying a prosperous season.

It was impossible to secure matter and illustrations in such order as to permit of exact classification. This explains the disconnected grouping of church and fraternal descriptions and any other discrepancies of like nature that may be apparent.

A WORD OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

We wish to acknowledge the valuable service rendered in the preparation of this edition by Mrs. Jennie Beyer, J. E. Duncan, the several ministers of the gospel located in Ames, and others who have contributed articles, sup-



Residence of H. L. Munn.

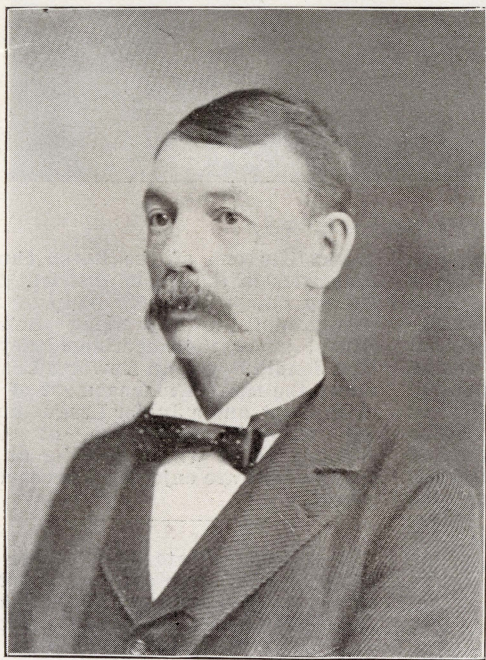
and was followed by E. Kendall, who came for a second time to preach the gospel to this people. D. Thompson was assigned the pastorate in the latter part of the year 1883, being succeeded in 1884 by H. J. Everly, who remained in charge two years, during which time the church building became too small to accommodate the congregation and services were held in the Opera Hall. Steps were taken at this time looking forward to the building of a church more in keeping with the needs of the society, which steps resulted in the erection of the present beautiful church edifice, it being dedicated in February 1888, during the pastorate of A. L. Hunt. Wm. Stevenson occupied the pulpit from 1888 to 1890, and was succeeded by R. W. Smith,

plied information or made suggestions that have materially added interest to its contents. We also felicitate ourselves on having had the active co-operation of C. A. Wales, of the Knowlton gallery, a gentleman skilled in photography, who has not hesitated to extend all the aid that lay within his power to afford. We also include in the list of those to whom we are under obligations those business men and residents who had sufficient confidence in us and in this undertaking to give it the support necessary to insure success. Whether or not we have succeeded in producing a work that is in all respects worthy of Ames and its people is a question we leave for answer to the judgment of our fellow citizens.

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GEO. W. ROGERS.

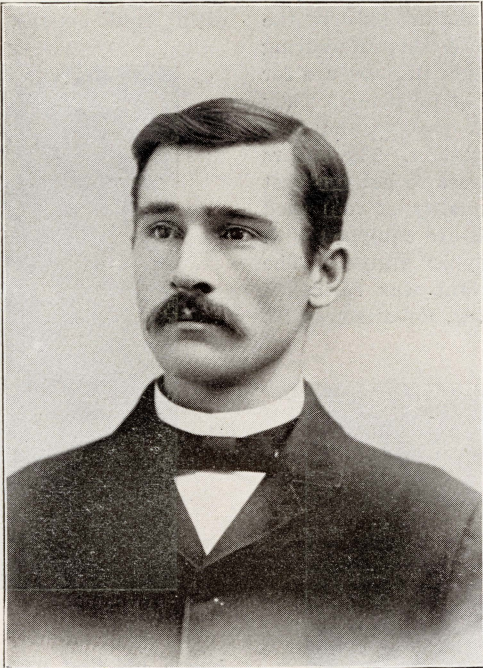
George W. Rogers, who has charge of the interests of the C. & N. W. Ry at this point, is a New Yorker by birth, Rochester being the city of his nativity. At an early age he moved to Buffalo and from that city accompanied his adopted father, O. N. Rogers, to Ash-tabula, Ohio. The next movement was to take up a temporary residence in Polk county, this state. Returning to Ohio he took up railroad work, engaging as freight brakeman on the Lake Shore line. Again removing from the Buckeye to the Hawkeye state similar service was found with the Rock Island road. Upon leaving the service of that road he engaged with the Northwestern and is now found in the ranks of its veteran employees, having served the company faithfully for more than two decades. He has been located in Ames ten years, and is so well satisfied with the city as a place of residence that no promise of promotion requiring change of residence has been a strong enough temptation to induce him to locate elsewhere. His first acquaintance with Ames began when he joined a gold hunting expedition that started from this point for the Black Hills at the time of the first excitement over the discovery of the yellow metal



in that region. The party walked from Sioux City to their destination, and it may be added that the results of their investigations did not make their walking back again a burdensome undertaking. But the homeward journey was a dangerous one, as they were compelled to pass through the reservations of the Sioux, whose warriors were already planning the campaign which had for its central tragedy the disastrous battle of the Little Big Horn.

Mr. Rogers has had the training necessary to the development of the practical all around railroad man and is generally recognized as such in railroad circles. He is listed with eastern roads as a first-class business man and one competent to satisfactorily look after any

still reside. At the age of seventeen, the subject of this sketch began teaching in the public schools of Webster county. He taught a number of terms with success. When twenty years of age he felt called of God to preach the gospel of Christ and at once made arrangements to devote his life to the ministry. Feeling the need of special preparation for the work, he



entered Western College at Toledo, this state, taking two courses of study in that institution, viz.: the literary and the classical. His college work was completed during the administration of Dr. Bookwalter in June, 1895. In addition to the seven years of college training, Mr. Slattery finished the four years' course of study required by the church and was ordained at Lake City, Iowa, October 10, 1896. Rev. Slattery was married to Miss Clara Burkholder of Clarksville, Iowa, June 30, 1895. The acquaintance which resulted in this union was formed while both were students of Western College. Rev. Slattery was pastor of the U. B. church at Lake City during the college vacation of 1894, and pastor of Newburg circuit during his senior year in college. October 20, 1896, he came to Ames to "unite with the people as a co-worker in Christ."

LOUGHRAN MACHINE Co.,

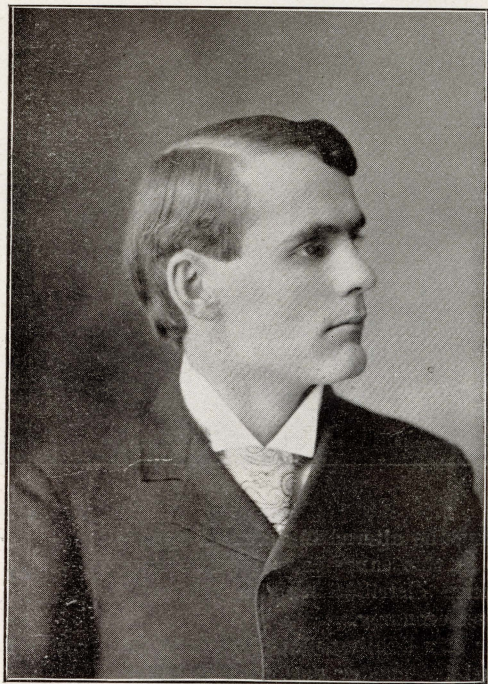
The Loughran Machine Company, dealers in farm implements, buggies, coal, etc., succeeded Shields & Cook in the fall of 1884. They have the oldest implement business in the county. Every year they have been in business in Ames has shown a gratifying increase in the volume of business. Briefly it may be said that this firm has the confidence of the community and a large list of customers, comprising the most reliable farmers. They find it necessary to employ help in looking after the business, five or six assistants being required during the busy season. E. Loughran, the senior member of the firm, has had a large experience in the manufacture and sale of machinery. He is of the hardy Scotch-Irish stock,

for the D. M. & Minn. R. R., now a part of the C. & N. W. system. He also made the pile driver which drove the piles for the Squaw Creek R. R. bridge, south of Ames on the same road. Mr. Loughran served the country of his adoption as a member of the First Iowa Battery in the late war.

S. L. Loughran, the junior member of the firm, was born in Des Moines in 1866. He received his education in the public schools of that city and in the I. A. C. In 1889 he became connected with the business to whose success since that time he has largely contributed.

HERMON PORTER WILLIAMS.

Rev. Hermon P. Williams is the present minister of the Christian church. He received his impulse toward the calling from early childhood, his father being a minister in the church, and now a professor in Drake University. Mr. Williams was born in Iowa City on the 16th day of February, 1872. At the age of ten he was baptized and became a member of the Christian church at Jacksonville, Ill. His youth and early manhood were spent on his father's farm near West Liberty, in this state. Two years



after he completed the high school at his home town, he entered the State University at Iowa City, graduating from the classical course of that institution in June, 1895. The following year he received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity from Drake University. Mr. Williams began preaching at Iowa City in the spring of 1893. His work with the Ames church was entered upon last February.

ELIAS CLIFTON.

Elias Clifton, the efficient superintendent of the electric light plant, is a native of the state of Illinois. He was born at Peoria in 1865, and that was his



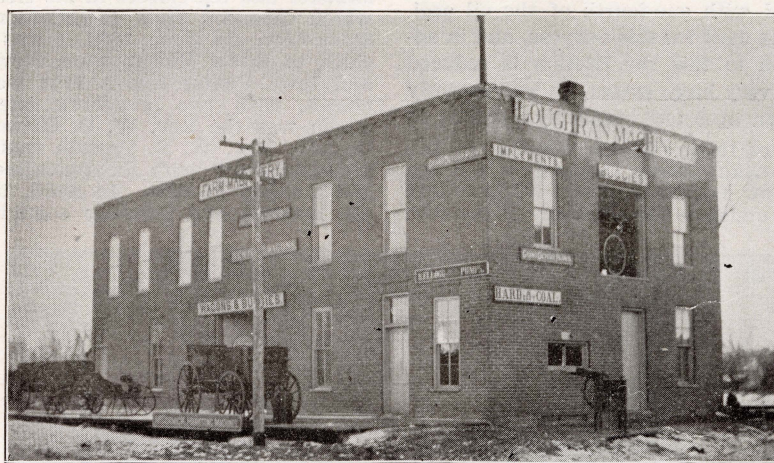
Geo. W. Rogers' Residence.

matters of moment that may be entrusted to his care. Since Mr. Rogers came to take charge of the Ames office the business of the road at this point has more than doubled, the result of increased growth and population of the city, but evidence also that the local management has been wise and capable. Mr. Rogers was married in January, 1879, to Miss Lizzie Kine of Bluffton, Ohio. Three children share with them the delights of a pleasant home amidst congenial surroundings.

REV. HENRY EUGENE SLATTERY.

Rev. Henry Eugene Slattery was born in Sciota county, Ohio, July 18, 1868. His father was a farmer who, inspired with the hope of bettering his condition, moved his family to Boone county, this state, in 1869. They remained for ten years at the site first selected, which was a few miles northwest of Zenorville, and then moved to a farm near Stratford, where they

having been born in the northern part of Ireland in 1832 and came to America in 1848. Was educated for the work of a civil engineer, which profession he followed for a short time. Later engaged in the foundry business and most of his life has been spent in the manufacture and sale of machinery, enabling him to obtain that practical knowledge of the details of his business that every man of business would be glad to include in his assets. Mr. Loughran purchased the first pig iron ever shipped into central Iowa. This consignment of pig iron was shipped from St. Louis to Des Moines on the steamboat Defiance in 1858. About a year ago Mr. L. was on a street car in Des Moines and heard a stranger telling the story of this shipment and when names were learned and notes compared they were found to be the contracting parties. The iron was shipped to the Iowa Manufacturing Company with whom Mr. Loughran was then connected. He put the machinery in and started the saw mill north of Polk City that sawed the first ties



The Loughran Machine Co.

home until he was sixteen years of age, when he removed with his parents to Oskaloosa, Iowa. Mr. Clifton was educated in the public schools of Illinois and Iowa. He supplemented the teaching of the schools with a great deal that was practical and that has since stood him in greater stead than any theoretical knowledge could have done. Oskaloosa is the center of a mining region. Mr. Clifton learned engineering at these mines. He next took up the calling which he has successfully followed, finding employment with the Oskaloosa Electric Light and Gas Co., with whom he remained until 1890. During this time he looked after the arc lights and found opportunity to attend college in the forenoons, doing special work in mathematics. Leaving Oskaloosa he took up the line of work that made him a specially suitable man to superintend the construction of the Ames' plant. In 1890 he helped in electrical construction at four or five towns near Oskaloosa. He aided in

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building the Cherokee plant and remained in charge for nearly two years. Other plants that have felt his constructive influence are the one at Ida Grove, of which a brother was given the management, and the one at Jefferson, this state. Of all the schools the instruction of the school of experience has the greatest value and this will always be the case as long as the practical shall take precedence in the public thought over the merely theoretical. The best proof that a man can do a thing is that he has done it. It was this feeling that induced the employment of Mr. Clifton and gave him the opportunity of proving once more that he has a thorough understanding of the things required in a first-class plant and the best way to bring them about.

CHAS. R. QUADE.

Providence, R. I., was the birth place of C. R. Quade. The family was of German origin. When the subject of this sketch was five years of age the family removed to a farm in Dubuque county, this state. The usual disadvantages of pioneer life presented themselves and in time were overcome. There were great difficulties in the way of acquiring an education



Up to the time Mr. Quade was fourteen years of age, the nearest school was eight miles away. Mr. Quade obtained his education in the school houses that was then erected in his own neighborhood and in the ward and night schools of Dubuque while he was becoming proficient at the cabinet making trade in that city. He followed this trade until 1881, when he engaged in the cigar trade. This business claimed his energies for five years. He was manager of the Dubuque base ball team for two seasons and for one season braved the dangers that attend the duties of an umpire, serving the Inter-State League in that capacity. In 1888 he came to Ames, starting the C. & N. W. eating house for James Dunne, whose interests he has faithfully cared for. The growth of the business has made three enlargements of the building necessary in order that the wants of the public might be properly satisfied.

Mr. Quade was married to Dora Sellers at Dubuque in 1890. That Mr. and Mrs. Quade have built for themselves a handsome home in Ames, an examination of the engravings that adorn these pages will show.

A. C. BLACKMAN.

Rev. A. C. Blackman, pastor of the Ames Baptist church was born at Jamestown, Chautauqua county, New York, September 1, 1845. In 1847 his parents moved to Colesburg, Delaware county, Iowa, where in 1851 his father died, leaving the widow with three children, the eldest being the subject of this sketch. In 1853 Mrs. Blackman removed to Illinois to be near her brother. In 1857 the eldest boy, then twelve years of age, was sent to live with a cousin on a farm in Fayette county, Iowa. From this time he knew what home was "without father or mother." In 1864 he enlisted in the army and served until the close of the war. Having completed his school days in the Cedar Valley Seminary at Osage and at the State University at Iowa City, he became in 1870 proprietor of the Green Bay Business College, at Green Bay, Wisconsin. During those years hundreds of young men and women were under his instruction; many of the leading business men of Green Bay today were his pupils. January, 1872, he was married to, Miss Mary L. Mitchell, his present wife. Four children have been born to them.

The First Baptist church of Green Bay licensed Mr. Blackman to preach the gospel in 1883. He supplied the church at Depere, near Green Bay, for two and one half years; the church at Appleton, three miles away, one year, and his own Green Bay church, one year, teaching and supervising his school during the week and preaching Sundays. Disposing of his school in 1880 he accepted the pastorate at Marinette, Wisconsin. This pastorate lasted seven years. A house of worship was built and over 100 members

added to the church. During this period he organized the Baptist church in Menomonee, Mich., (across the river from Marinette), built a house of worship and received over fifty members into the church. He devoted his Sunday afternoons for five years to this church. His next pastorate was at Menomonee, Wis. This service lasted three years. Then a year was

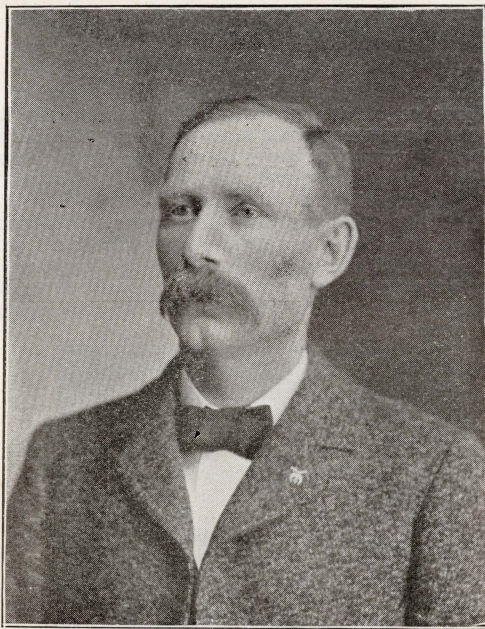


spent in evangelistic work, successful revival meetings being held in four states. At Sioux City he was pastor of Immanuel Baptist church three years, during which time more than 100 were added to the church, mostly by baptism. At Madison, South Dakota, he was pastor for about four years, increasing the membership of that church by about 100, largely by baptism.

He came to Ames in January last and is getting nicely settled in his work. In this connection mention of the following coincidence will be of interest. In 1868, during Rev. Mitchell's pastorate, Mr. Blackman's mother, with his stepfather, were residents of Ames, and regular attendants of the church of which the son is now pastor.

C. W. McELYEA.

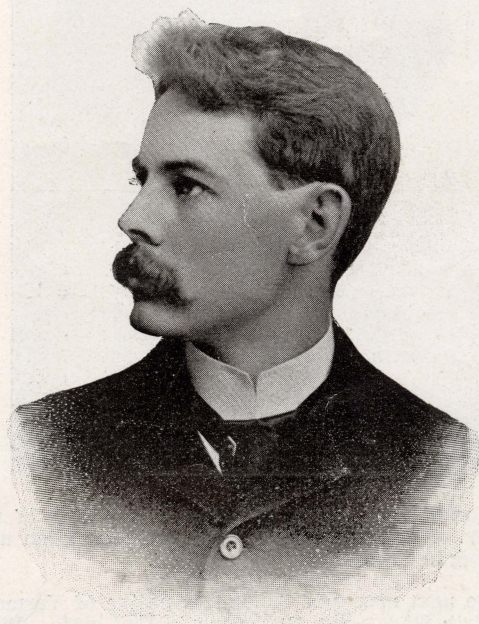
Charles Wesley McElyea was born at Malugins Grove, Ill., February 25, 1857. The first ten years of his life were spent at this place, when in 1867 his parents moved to Story county, purchasing a farm one and one-half miles west of Ames where he grew to manhood. Entering the I. A. C. at the early age of fourteen, he continued his studies until the spring term of the senior year when failing health obliged him to leave school. He has taught nine terms of school, his first term being finished when he was sixteen years of age. When twenty years of age he "went west" to California, seeking fame and fortune in that glorious climate. Ten years was the period of his intended stay, but like many another young man, three months later found him ready to take chances with the rest of Story county citizens. He was married



March 5, 1884, to Sarah F. Fitchpatrick, and their union has been blessed with five children, three of whom are living. Shortly after their marriage they moved to a farm at Sioux Rapids, Iowa, staying there nearly two years. Returning to Ames he began to enlarge a line of work to which he had in the last few years given some little attention and which at present takes up most of his time, the working of road taxes for various railroad lines in Iowa, Nebraska and Dakota, covering 5,000 miles of territory. In the winter months he talks "Texas lands," being interested to quite a little extent in the development of the Lone Star state. The subject of this sketch has been an active member of the Methodist church since 1869, always willing to assume any duty the church desired to place upon him and the Sabbath school has had in him a faithful teacher for more than twenty years. His name is found on the roll of nearly all the civic societies of Ames and also those of Excalibur Commandery Knights Templar at Boone and El Kahir Temple at Cedar Rapids.

HARLAN PAUL DOUGLASS.

Harlan Paul Douglass, an Iowa man by birth and education, was born at Osage, Iowa, January 4, 1871. Attended the public schools there until his parents moved to Grinnell in '82, shortly after the big cyclone. Went from Grinnell High school to Academy of Iowa College, completing the preparatory course in '87. Then full college course, graduating in '91. In college, was active in newspaper work, one of the founders of the "Unit" and editor in chief of the Junior Annual of his class. During last college year became interested in Y. M. C. A. work and assisted in evangelistic meetings in several places. After graduating at Grinnell Mr. Douglass went to Chicago Theological Seminary remaining for one year, then to the famous Divinity School at Andover, Mass., graduating there in '94. Immediately began pastoral work at Manson, Iowa, where he was ordained, Oct. 22, '94. Was married at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 25, '95, to Rena Sherman. Resigned the Manson appointment in order to accept one of the Williams Fellowships in Harvard University. Spent the school year of '95-6 in the University taking post-graduate courses in history and sociology. His alma mater (Iowa College) conferred on him the degree of Master of Arts in June of last year. His



connection with the Ames and Gilbert charges began on the first of last November. Rev. Douglass has been especially interested with studies, to observe and investigate advanced methods of dealing with religious, philanthropic and social problems in large cities.

DR. C. E. HUNT.

Antwerp, New York, is the birth place of Dr. C. E. Hunt, who with the exception of two years spent at Perry has been a resident of Ames since 1875. He was educated at Ives Seminary at Antwerp, and obtained his knowledge of dentistry in the office of Dr. E. D. Andress, who practiced his profession in Ames in the early seventies. Dr. Andress disposed of his practice to Dr. Hunt in 1876. Under the provisions of the dental law of '82, Dr. Hunt was the ninth man to register according to its requirements. Dr. Hunt has



been very active in church and fraternity work, being a member of the M. E. church and of the Masonic order. He was a charter member and the first Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star. Last fall he helped to organize Weld Chapter R. A. M., of which he is now High Priest.

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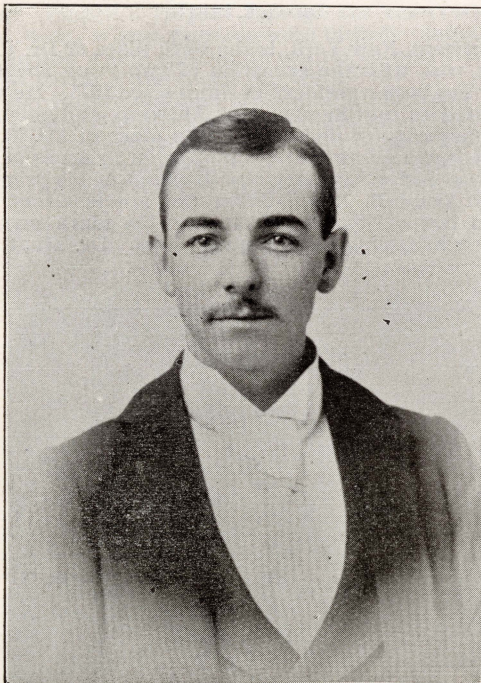
City Marshall of Ames,
Wm. A. Ricketts, who has filled the office of City Marshall since Jan. 10, 1896, in a manner that has been promotive of law and order to a considerable degree and established his reputation as an efficient peace officer is a native of Ohio. He lived in that



state until 1882, when he became a resident of this county. He followed farming as an occupation until locating in Ames in the spring of '95.

L. C. TILDEN.

The next mayor of Ames is a native of Vermont, his birth place being Rochester, in that state. When he was one year old his parents moved to this city, and since that time, 1869, L. C. Tilden has lived in Ames. He graduated from the High school in 1883. In 1888 he completed the work of the scientific course at the I. A. C. During his school days he found employment for a part of his time in his father's store and learned the details of the business, which he has managed since his father's death. Mr. Tilden has completed

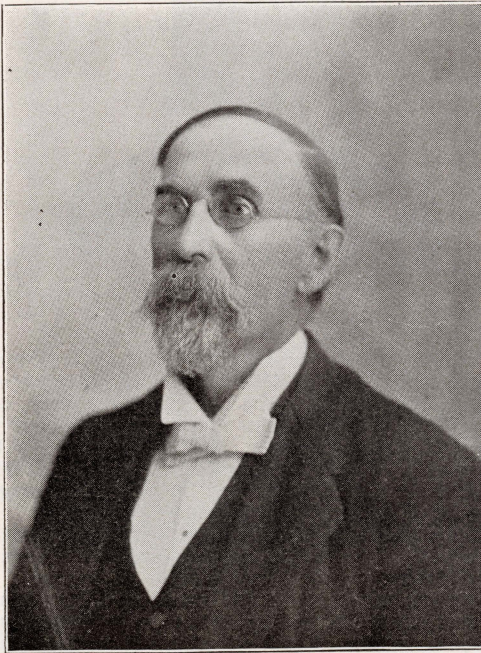


three years of service as member of the city council and has been one of the foremost advocates of a progressive policy. That his work as an official of the city has met with popular approval is shown by the fact of his unanimous nomination for mayor, to succeed Mayor Smith, who, had resigned, by a caucus comprising the large majority of his fellow citizens. Recognized everywhere as a public spirited business man his active participation in public affairs can not but be of great advantage to the city.

DR. RICHMOND.

Dr. Albert Richmond may be considered a representative of the New England type of character that has contributed so much to the history of the country that is worthy of praise. None of his ancestors came over in the Mayflower, but not long after the famous landing that made history, came John Richmond whom all of the name in the United States recognize as their progenitor. Some two centuries after his advent in the new world, or to specify the year, 1844. the descendant whom we sketch in this article was born

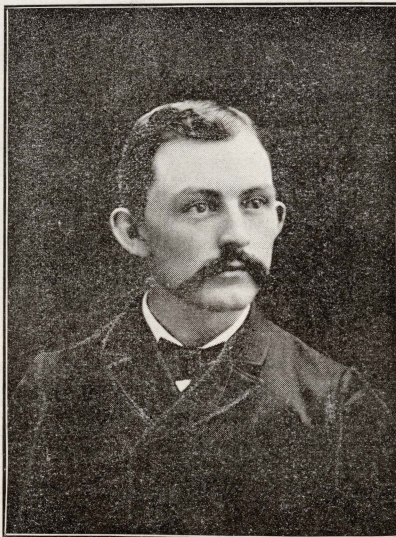
at Rochester, Vermont. Dr. Richmonds' parents were farmers and he was given that opportunity which comes to every farmer's son, the chance to become acquainted with hard work. He received his education in the common schools and the academy at Barre, not far from his birthplace. These high grade eastern academies, it may be remarked, in scope of work and opportunities for research are the equivalent of many of our western colleges. After completing his academic course Dr. Richmond accepted a position in the schools of Alton, Ill. Poor health compelled him to



abandon the profession of teaching. He then took up the study of medicine in the university of his native state, receiving his degree in 1868. Pittsfield, Vt., was the scene of his first year's practice. In 1870 he came to Ames and was associated with Dr. Jas. Bradley in the practice of his profession for two years. His father being in poor health he returned to Vermont in 1872 and practiced at Rochester for a decade. During this time his services to the republican party, whose principles he has always strongly defended, were recognized to the extent of imposing on him the honorable task of legislative duty. Coming west in '83, he resided one year at Algona, leaving which city he came again to Ames where he has since resided. From '89 to '93 he was a member of the pension board. He keeps up connection with the county, district and state associations of medical men and never fails to take an active interest in their meetings. It should have been remarked that of the five brothers in this Vermont family four have adopted the profession of medicine. Dr. Richmond is public spirited, always taking an active interest in matters that might benefit the community and doing what he can to help out growth in all desirable directions.

E. D. Y. CULBERTSON.

E. D. Y. Culbertson, the present principal of our schools, is an Ohioan by birth. He first saw the light of day at Wooster in that state in 1861. His parents adopted the unusual route of moving from Ohio to Iowa by way of Missouri, the terminal point of the journey being a farm in Muscatine Co., this state. Here Mr. Culbertson toiled at farm work through three seasons of the year, devoting the fourth to the country school until attaining his majority, excepting one winter spent in Cedar Co., and one in the Muscatine high school. Soon after reaching twenty-one he began

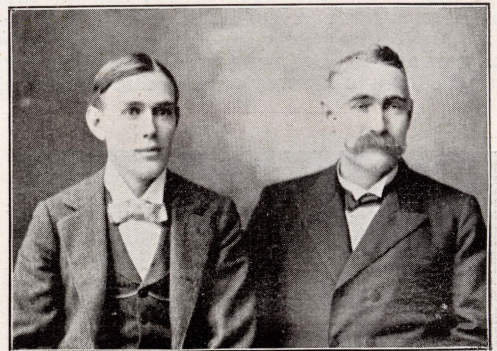


teaching and since that time has been constantly in the school room, either as teacher or student. His experience as teacher covers all phases of the work from a large school in the country through village and town to the schools of cities. He reinforced the knowledge of his work obtained by experience by a course in the State Normal School at Cedar Falls, from which he graduated in 1889. The September following his graduation he took charge of the schools of Ogden, resigning his position after two years of service to accept the more lucrative position of principal of the schools of Jefferson, Iowa. At the expi-

ration of four years' work in the schools of that city he tendered his resignation because of conditions that he believed were not conducive to the best interests of the schools. He was then chosen by the Ames school board to succeed Mr. Carstens. His work here has been amidst congenial surroundings and has called forth much comment of a favorable character. Near Fairfield in 1890 occurred his marriage to Miss Clara Fiedler, herself a teacher. A summary of the work Mr. Culbertson is doing in Ames will be found in the article devoted to our schools.

J. B. ELLIOTT AND SON.

J. B. Elliott was born in Ohio in 1850 and moved with his parents to Cedar Co., Iowa, in 1856. He was raised on a farm in Cedar Co., and in 1870 was married to Miss Anna Rickard, of the same county. In 1875 Mr. and Mrs. Elliott moved to Greene county and located on a farm near Jefferson. Mr. Elliott's health failing him, he returned in 1881 to Stanwood,

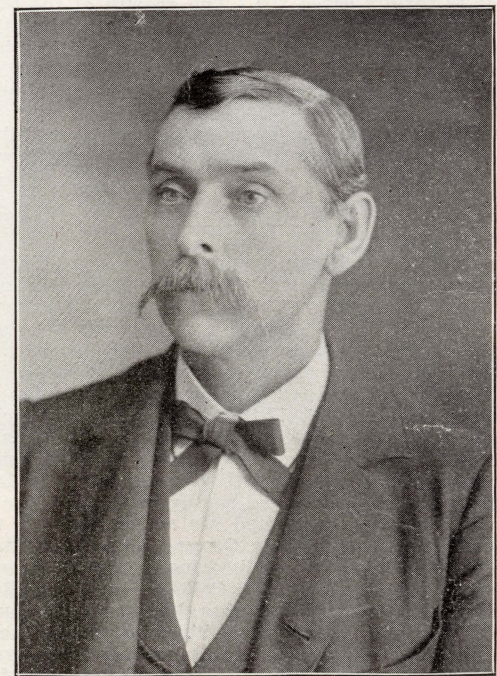


his old home in Cedar county.

Here he managed a meat market for two years, leaving that in 1884 to engage in the furniture and undertaking business, which he has followed ever since. In 1892 he moved to Ames to conduct the same line of trade. In 1896 he moved his goods into a fine new two-story brick building. It is specially designed and fitted up for the line of goods he carries. In size it is 25x90 feet and entirely used for furniture and undertaking, the basement and first floor being devoted to the former while the second floor is used for undertaking work. Mr. Elliott is recognized by the Iowa Funeral Directors as one of the leading undertakers. He is a graduate from three different embalming schools. In April, 1896, he graduated from a school at Des Moines, receiving the highest honors in a class of forty. Mr. Elliott is an active member of the M. E. Church. He is also an I. O. O. F. and is now filling the Noble Grand's chair. In politics he is a democrat. Mr. Elliott has a very valuable assistant in his son Carl, who has been raised in the furniture business, having been connected with it ever since he was ten years old. He has very good business qualities and is now the buyer for Mr. Elliott and a look at the fine stock and cheap prices will convince you that Carl knows where and how to buy. He is also a great bicycle enthusiast and will this year sell and rent the celebrated Cleveland bicycles.

J. W. ADAMS

Several of the business men of Ames can claim Ohio as the state of their birth. One of those who are natives of the state that has been for a number of years the political center of the country is J. W. Adams, who is near the completion of a three years term as a member of the city council. He can be counted as one of the old residents of Ames, the south-



part of the city being a corn field when he first saw it at the beginning of the "sixties." Like the majority of business men, he was trained in the public schools only and grew up on a farm. After a varied experience farming in the vicinity of Ames, Mr. Adams left for Dakota in '84 to help develop that country. At the end of six years, having in his opinion sufficiently developed it, he returned to Ames. He found employment in the grocery of Al. Perkins until the fall of '91, when in company with his brother, Jay M., he bought out the business. We have spoken of his connection with the present city administration as a

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member of the council and have but to add that in common with his associates he has labored faithfully to bring to pass whatever in his judgment would ultimately work out for the good of Ames. In 1874 occurred the marriage of Mr. Adams and Alice Osborne, who had grown up in Ames. Of this union were born two children, one of whom, a daughter, was recently married, and the other a son, who assists in his father's business.

THOS. THOMPSON.

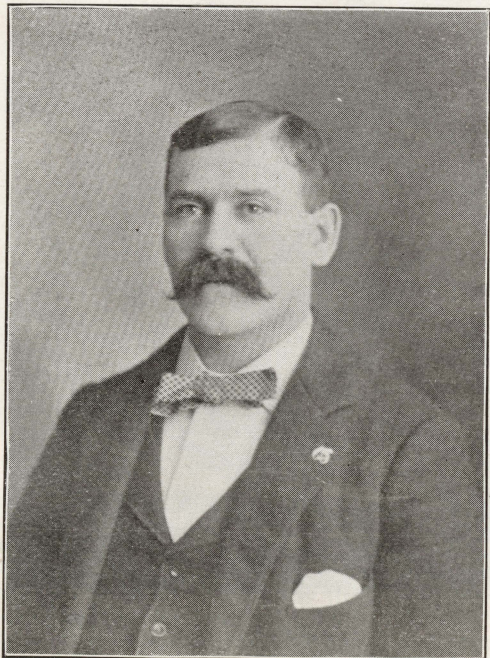
Thos. Thompson, a councilman from the third ward, is a native of Ontario, Canada. Shortly after his birth his parents moved to the state of New York. Two years later returned to Canada until the cholera which raged in the early fifties brought about another migration to this country. The family left Hamilton, Ontario, on the last boat permitted to land passengers, a strict quarantine being established. Mr. Thompson



received his education in the schools of Oakville, N. Y. He had the opportunity of becoming a useful newspaper man and improved it so far as to learn typesetting. He worked in a number of offices but abandoned the trade on account of poor health. He found employment with a firm of builders at Valparaiso, Ind., remaining with them eight years. He was made foreman and superintended the construction of a number of important structures. Going to Chicago he had charge of the construction of several six and seven-story structures on State street and Prairie avenue residences. Leaving for Michigan City at the end of a year, Mr. Thompson managed the construction of a \$45,000 school building. After the great Chicago fire he was hired by West & Wallace to put up a big factory building in west Chicago. In 1874 Mr. Thompson deserted Chicago for the west and after erecting the Knight & Smith elevator at Boone, lived in Story Co. for two years. He then located at Odebolt, devoting the most of four years to the building of elevators. Engaging in the hardware and implement business for five years and then selling out he again located in Ames in 1890 and has been a citizen of this place ever since. He is a member of the contracting firm of Duntz & Thompson, who already have a number of buildings well under way, indicating that '97 will see the erection of an unusual number of dwellings.

M K SMITH

M. K. Smith, who has had the honor of serving the city of Ames as mayor during the year which saw the installation of the electric light plant, the greatest

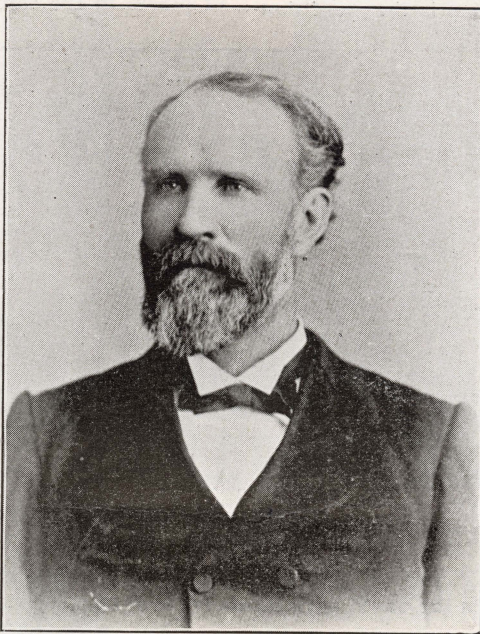


undertaking in its history, is a native of Pennsylvania. He is the son of Capt. I. L. Smith, now a resident of Nevada. At the close of the war the family left Pennsylvania and stopping for a period in Illinois, reached

Ames in 1869. Three years later Mr. Smith entered the employ of Bigelow, Huntington & Tilden, with which firm and its successors he has since remained, being managing partner of the present day firm of Bigelow & Smith, this designation dating from the death of D. A. Bigelow in 1890. Outside the large business over which he has supervision Mr. Smith is manager of the Ames & College Railway and takes an active interest in public affairs. Previous to filling the mayor's chair he had served six years as a member of the council. Elected as mayor one year ago, he correctly interpreted public sentiment as demanding a progressive policy and backed by this sentiment and actively aided by the council, his administration has been marked by improvements that have lifted Ames more nearly to a par with what its evident advantages indicate that it should be. But finding that the office took a great deal of time to the disadvantage of his business and the improvements inaugurated being so nearly finished that he could not be accused of deserting the undertaking, he resigned the office. The future will reveal more clearly the importance to the city of Ames of the improvements made during his administration.

HON JAMES WILSON.

Instead of sketching the career of Hon. James Wilson, who has been honored with a place in the cabinet of McKinley, we have decided to give a brief account of the work planned by the Experiment Station for the ensuing year as noted by him for this publication last December. The facts of his biography have become familiar to the most frequent publication but the importance of the work done under his direction at the station and which an efficient successor will continue is not well enough known. After sketching the results of the sheep experiment which will soon



appear in detail in a bulletin he gave the following outline of future experimental work:

The experiment of last year with the bacon and lard breeds of hogs, that was cut short by the cholera, is to be gone over again. All the breeders are on the ground and in good health and from them litters of pigs will be put in comparative tests. The feeding, after weaning, for five months was had last year but cholera prevented the finish and the block test. This is work that has not been done before and because of the premium paid for the bacon hog will be watched with much interest. Preparation goes on about the farm barns for a cow experiment that will continue for several years and take in the whole herd. The college has now a very fine stock of dairy cows, comprising six breeds and numbering nearly sixty head. Four breeds are being milked; they are being fed entirely from crops grown on the college farm, and giving very satisfactory yields. They have been weeded and selected until they are perhaps the finest herd of dairy cows in the state of pure breeding. A book account is being opened with each cow; she will be charged with all she eats, which will require the most careful work to be fair with the cow; she will be credited with what she gives that will take the time of a good part of the station force to determine. The chemist will keep track of the analyses of the milk of the several cows, weekly during the period of lactation of each for several years; the dairy experts will see to sampling, and manipulation of the milks of different breeds in the barn and in the creamery. The chemist will also analyze the different articles of feed so that when the station shall have conducted digestion experiments conclusions may be reached with regard to the effect, comparatively, of western fodders, with those upon which eastern and old world feeders have based feeding standards. Cheese making and especially cheese curing is being studied at the college. American people would eat good cheese if they could get it. Now that the law prevents adulterations, the home market will have a good demand for good, well cured cheese. We learn from college men that the neighborhood around the college has been so trained to eat college cheese within the last few years that it can not get all that it wants at the college.

The legumes are being studied and will be for years to come in order that more plants suitable to Iowa farm systems may be added to our list. Several under observation give much promise. The Iowa farmer should gather from the atmosphere as much nitrogen

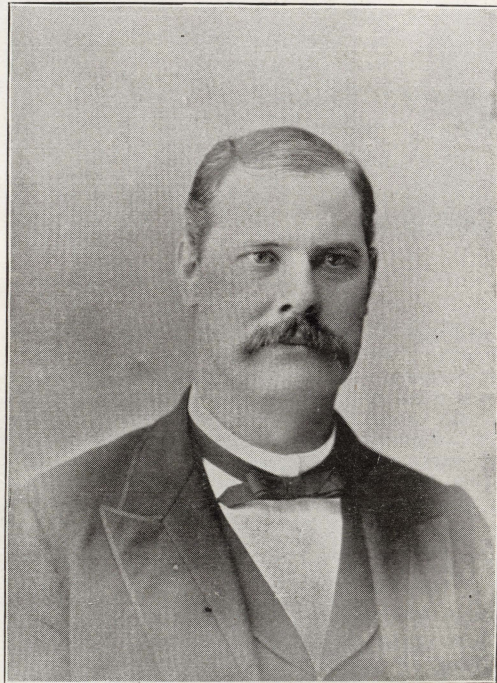
as is wasted into it and the pod bearing plants are the only ones to do it. These plants are also the cheapest and best subsoilers and fill the soil with roots that makes humus and helps to retain moisture.

DR. HARRIMAN

The chair of Pathology and Physiology at the Agricultural College is capably filled by Dr. W. E. Harriman who graduated from that institution in 1893. Dr. Harriman was born at Cherokee, Iowa, and moved with his parents to Hampton, Iowa, when five years old. He attended the public schools of that city, passing through every grade and graduating with honor in 1890. During vacations he found employment in a drug store, this being in line with the work of preparation for the profession he had early determined to follow. He never swerved from this determination for a moment, although his father, himself a lawyer, was anxious that the son should seek a career at the bar. In 1893 Dr. Harriman received the degree of B.



Sc. from the I. A. C. He had, by working hard the preceding year, concluded the first year's course in medicine at State University of Iowa, and was chosen as the representative of his class to participate in the commencement exercises of this last named institution. While a student at the University he was awarded first prize in histology. After finishing the second year's course at the S. U. I., he appeared before the state board of medical examiners and passing a written examination, was given a certificate to practice medicine and surgery. He practiced his profession at Gilbert Station, Iowa, until the following autumn, when he entered the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, one of the oldest institutions of its kind in the United States, from which he received a degree on the completion of the year's course. He also attended the State University of Pennsylvania, taking special instruction in pathology and the use of the microscope. Locating in Ames in June, '95, the following July he was elected to the position he now holds in the faculty of the Agricultural College. Dr. Harriman is secretary of the Story County Medical Society and a member of the Central Iowa District, Iowa State, and American Medical Associations. He has written numerous papers which have been read before these societies, a number of which have later been published in some of the leading medical journals of the country. He was married October 3, 1894, to Miss Marie Wormley, a member of the class of '95, but not a graduate of the I. A. C.



REV. H J EVERLY.

whose two periods of service as pastor of Ames M. E. church aggregate over seven years.

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ROBERT CAIRNS, JR.

Considerable credit has been given Scotland recently because of the valuable contributions of men she has given this country. This fact has been made prominent in this locality by the elevation to high office of a native of

courteous treatment and satisfactory service. John Kintzley, the proprietor, was born at Elk Rapids, Polk Co., forty years ago, but moved with his parents to Ames when eleven months old. He has followed the business he is now engaged in for seventeen years

stationery of the best quality should not overlook the fact that artistic arrangement of type and good paper are not spoiled in this office by inferior presswork and that our claims to the possession of the two former essentials are as completely justified by the facts in the case as our undisputed leadership in the latter.

ness for two years he next tried pickling eggs, for two years with better success. In 1872, he went on the road as a commercial salesman, representing a New York firm, with whom, or their successors he is still connected. While making a moderate success of his business he has devoted much time and labor since 1882 to temperance and prohibition. An ardent Republican



Residence of Robert Cairns

that country who while a resident here had accomplished some of the things that established his claim to the great honor. Another native of Scotland who has proved himself a desirable citizen, although his work has been done along other lines, is Robert Cairns, who has been a resident of this city for fourteen years. He was born at Glasgow and made the ocean voyage to this country when an infant. Stopping at Milwaukee for a time, the family permanently located at Janesville, Wisconsin. After graduating from the schools of that city, young Cairns learned the dry goods business while in the employ of the firm of Field & Leiter, the predecessors of Marshal Field. He and a brother then engaged in business for a number of years. After going out of business at Janesville, Mr. Cairns looked over the west for a suitable location and not finding what he wanted entered the employ of J. S. Cook, of Cedar Rapids, a wholesale dealer in dry goods, as a traveling salesman. It was then he located in Ames. Mr. Cairns was married about eighteen years ago to Miss Fannie Lynn, of Batavia, N. Y., a niece of B. F. Crossett, the well known Janesville miller, with whom she had often visited.

The O. K. barber shop, of which John Kintzley is the proprietor, occupies the basement of the Union National Bank building. It is finely furnished and equipped for the satisfactory accommodation of its numerous patrons. The extent of the business done may be judged from the fact that

and knows it thoroughly. Six years ago he moved into his present quarters. In R. N. Taylor he has an efficient and trustworthy foreman.

This special edition is the proof that

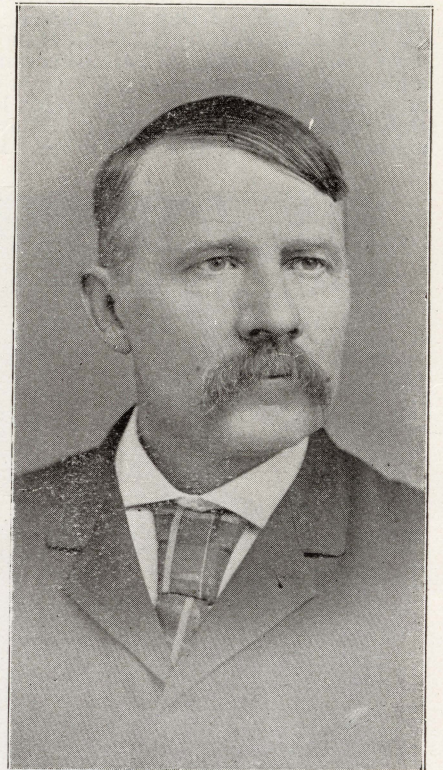


Residence of W. M. Greeley, President of Union National Bank, who has been in the banking business for over twenty years.

we present to the people of Story county that we have all the facilities necessary to the production of high grade printing. Few country offices are equipped for the successful carrying out of a work of this magnitude. If not deficient in other requirements the quality of presswork necessary to bring out the detail and beauty of the en

GEO. E. BAKER, JEWELER.

Mr. Baker located in Ames in 1890, and owns the oldest established jewelry business in the city. By strict attention to business and the wants of the public, by means of conservative business methods he has built up a business that is second to none in the county and numbers among his customers the best people in Story and the west half of Boone counties. "Yours for business," is the watchword of the establishment and every one has found Mr. Baker always ready to do business on purely business lines. No sensational or catch penny dodges but everything sold strictly on its merits, and the public has confidence in Mr. Baker's judgment, knowing that he will rectify any mistake if in his power to do so. This is probably the secret of Mr. Baker's success in the selling and repairing of watches, clocks and jewelry, etc. As an advertiser he is a success as is evidenced by the number of his ads. which appear over the names of others in the same line.



until 1892, when he believing as he expresses it that "clean politics and no saloons" was the solution of national prosperity, joined the Prohibition party, and has since been an active and prominent member of that body. He was temporary chairman of the Prohibition state convention in 1892, permanent chairman in '94 and '96, and has often been tendered the nomination to a leading place on the state ticket of his party. He is not a politician, though he talks politics, is not, and will not be a candidate, but does more, and puts in more time gratuitously and makes more public addresses along the line of "Christian Citizenship" and anti-saloon politics than any man in Iowa. All this from the standpoint of a third party Prohibitionist. His local public spirit is attested by the improvements he has made in this place, and his domestic life by the family whose foundation was laid in Ames. Mr Brown was instrumental in organizing the Baptist church in Ames and was its first clerk.

Well Chapter R. A. M. was organized in the fall of '96 and is now doing its work under a special dispensation awaiting the appearance of a charter. Its present membership is about forty which considering the short time in

K. W. BROWN

Capt. K. W. Brown was born in Jefferson Co., N. Y., July 4th, 1842. His education was limited to the common school and village academy of that day. He served in the civil war as a private and non-commissioned officer, during a two years enlistment in the 35th N. Y. Inf. Recruited 48 men and was commissioned as Lieut. in the 13th N. Y. A., where he served one year resigning to accept promotion to a captaincy in the 186 N. Y. Inf. Was wounded in left side, hip and foot in



the shops equipment consists of five chairs and three bath tubs. It may be added that patrons are assured of

gravings would be beyond the capacity of a big majority of such plants. The business man who takes pride in using



Capt. K. W. Brown's Residence.

the charge on Ft. Mahone, Va., April 2d, 1865. He came to Ames in July, 1866, and claims to be the only remaining resident of Ames who was living in the place of that date. After making a failure of the grocery busi-

ness which it has been in existence speaks well for the future of the order.

Prominent among the numerous auxiliary organizations of this city is Laura Chapter No. 155, Order of the Eastern Star. This society was orga-

nized in May, 1892, with a charter membership of thirty-five, since which time it has enjoyed more than the usual amount of prosperity generally allotted to kindred societies, for today its membership numbers ninety-six of the most prominent people of Ames and vicinity. This order dedicated to charity, truth and loving kindness, finds abundant opportunities to extend its sympathy to the unfortunate and afflicted in all conditions of life. The annual banquets given by this organization in connection with Arcadia Lodge, A. F. & A. M. are among the leading social events of the winter and are looked forward to from

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF AMES.

The schools came under the charge of its present superintendent, in September, 1895. From that day to this there has been no meeting of the board to decide any matter pertaining to the government of the school. There has not been a word of unpleasantness between the board and superintendent, nor the teachers and superintendent. The per cent. of attendance has steadily increased and the enrollment has grown from 428 to 501.

The class of '96 in the High school numbers 4, the class of '97 numbers 8, showing a growth that is quite notice-

in the high school some four months, it does not materially lessen the training as the new course requires four full studies during the entire course and full time to each study.

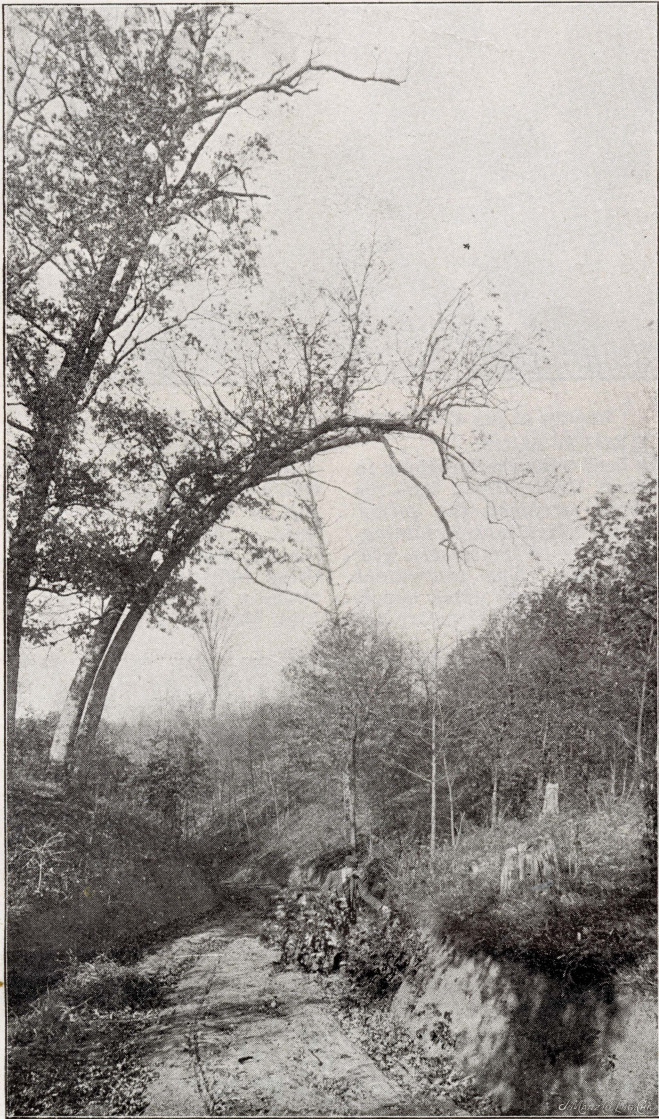
It is the present policy of the management to thoroughly emphasize the English work throughout the course. The amount and quality of the reading matter are made better. Composition, and grammar work, rhetoric and literature are all included under English, and in conjunction with the history work it is quite evident the schools will improve along the culture as well as the utilitarian lines. Throughout the schools have rhetorical work and each pupil is required to take an equal part with all others. The latin work has been reduced to two years in answer to public demand. The sciences, such as physics, botany, zoology, chemistry and geology have all been dropped, owing to the fact that we are close to a college whose appliances for instruction in these branches are the best in the state. Having no room for laboratories it was thought unwise to try to teach so many things with so small a high school

THE SCOPE OF THIS WORK.

In undertaking this work we did not expect that it would receive the support of every one engaged in business here. There are too many obstacles in the way of such an achievement to make it a possible one. All that we aimed to do was to make the edition representative of the city and that we think we have done. It is not complete in any way. There are many residences other than those appearing here that are worthy of recognition in a publication of this character. But space, time and in some instances the objections of owners account for their non-appearance. The same may be said of many citizens not in any way represented. Some of the reasons advanced by these men are worthy of respectful consideration and against none do we bring the reproach of a deficient public spirit. We are gratified at the success of our first venture in the field of illustration and claim that the fruit of our labor is representative in fulfillment of our promises.

BIGELOW & SMITH.

Interior views of each of the two



View of a Driveway on College Farm.

year to year with pleasant anticipation. The death angel has dealt gently with Laura Chapter in the five years of its life now so nearly finished but one member having been called to the home above. In the death of Mrs. Emma Hunt the society lost one of its most valued members yet we cannot but

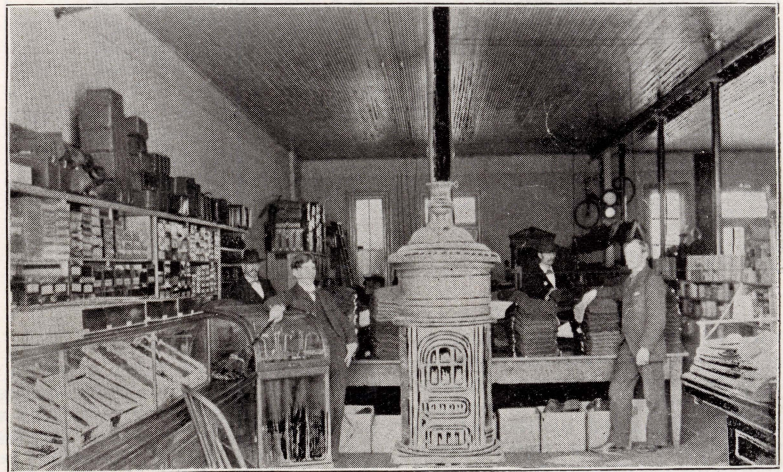
able. A class of 26 regular and irregular entered the ninth grade in 1895; in 1896 a class of 48 entered that grade, quite as well prepared as the preceding class. Owing to the proximity of the college, and the further fact that some of its courses may be entered upon with less than a high school preparation,



Residence of F. T. McLain.

feel that our loss is her gain and that she has but gone to shine above. This chapter was named in honor of Laura West Smith, wife of Mayor M. K. Smith, who would have been one of our charter members had not death intervened and closed the earth life of one of Ames' brightest women. In acknowledgement of this honor, Mr. Smith presented the society with a full set of beautiful gold jewels, for officers and members.

there is a tendency for some to leave the high school before completing the work it requires. But as a rule these are not the best students of the high school and in many instances confer no favor upon the college by their attendance and lack of preparation, Supt. Culbertson has secured the change the high school course which gives an opportunity to our high school graduates to enter college at opening of the spring term. While it reduces the time



Interior view of Bigelow & Smith's Clothing and Furnishing Goods

faculty. The courses in mathematics, history and English having all been strengthened, our standing with the colleges of the state has also been strengthened rather than weakened. All of which is good for the school and what is good for the school is also good for the town. If our Board of Education will but continue our present policy, holding fast to that which is good and repairing the weaker places, it will be but a short time until we shall be a Mecca for other communities to come for inspiration.

rooms in which the business of this firm is housed are shown in this issue. It is the oldest general merchandise business in the city. In August, 1868, D. A. Bigelow and H. C. Huntington came from Kewanee, Ill., to this city and bought out L. T. Larned who was among the first to engage in business here. Mr. Bigelow had been through the war, studied in the old Chicago University, taught school, tested the possibilities of Kansas and fed cattle previous to coming to Ames. In the last undertaking he had accumulated



Dry Goods Department of Bigelow & Smith

Incidentally we might say that while schools always suffer when changing superintendents, they lose more by the negligence of school boards in not having a clear defined policy and following it year in and year out. Hence it is we feel no little pride in our schools, knowing as we do that the present policy of the school results from the co-operation of Supt. Culbertson and the Board of Education. There are no pet schemes in the mind of one without the full knowledge of the other, to approve, improve and disapprove. This policy continued cannot help but secure advanced results with each year.

*Discipline.

some capital which he put against the experience of his partner who had managed a store with a happier result than sometimes attends such combinations. In 1868 the south side had the larger share of the business of the city. The firm was successful from the first. In May, 1869, Geo. G. Tilden was admitted to partnership and remained a member of the firm until 1883. Two years afterward Mr. Huntington disposed of his interest. When this firm began to do business it had a wide field. Customers came from a distance of twenty miles. As the population increased and lines of railway were built the trading area was lessened but this did not diminish the business it transacted. It maintained its lead. After the withdrawal of Messrs.

Tilden and Huntington the firm was known as D. A. Bigelow and Co. On the death of Mr. Bigelow in 1890 it was changed to Bigelow & Smith. It carries a well selected stock of clothing, boots and shoes, and dry goods and its volume of business requires the help of five or six clerks.

FRANK N. FOWLER.

As local representative of B. A. Lockwood, Mr. Fowler is responsible for the good management of the largest coal and grain business in Story county. Indeed it might be classed as the largest business of any character in the county if the standard be the aggregate of money annually distributed. This business, too, has been developed since Mr. Fowler came to this place. He is a native of Maine, his birthplace being Searsport in that state. To the

We have to confess that a number of the sketches are incomplete and not what we intended they should be. The only explanation that we can give for this is that our plans were too extensive and larger than the limitations of this work. Among the articles that have been curtailed is the one concerning our public schools which as first outlined was to include a full account of their past history. Readers will probably notice other things that are at fault in this regard, but with a regret we feel sure that is less than our own.

H. L. MUNN & SON.

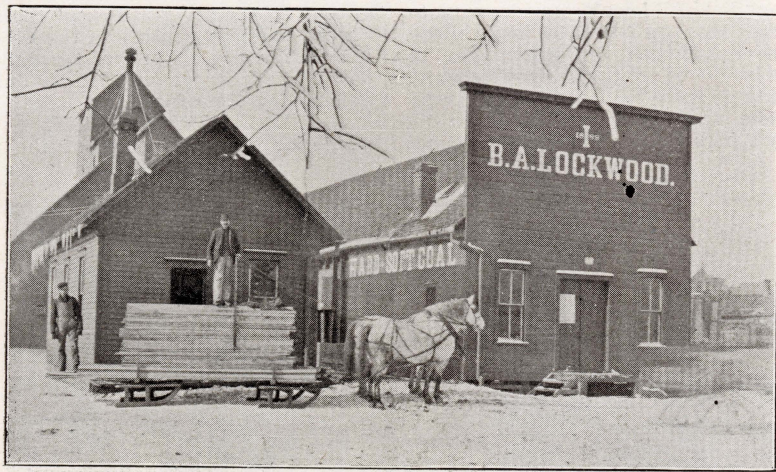
A reading of the sketches written heretofore establishes the fact that the present generation of Ames business men came from the farm. There is hardly an exception to the rule. And

his death in 1892, the business has been managed by his oldest son, L. C. Tilden, whose biography is briefly given in another place. The business has been carried on along the lines laid down by its founder with the exception of the grocery department, which was discontinued in 1895. It is one of the large firms of the county and counting proprietors, nine clerks waited on its trade last year. Customers can find at Tilden Bros. & Co.'s a large stock of standard up-to-date goods.

a substantial measure of prosperity will be theirs on the return of good times.

CHAMPION LODGE, K. OF P.

The records are incomplete concerning the early organization of this lodge. Some time after surrendering its charter a reorganization was affected with a charter membership of 22. February 13, '93, was the date of the reorganization. General Lincoln was the first C. C. under the new order, being succeeded at the expiration of his second



The B. A. Lockwood Grain Co.

training of the common schools he added that of several years study at an academy. Leaving the academy he, in company with a classmate, embarked in a vessel owned by the latter's father for a short ocean voyage, recuperation being the object and Liverpool the destination. The short voyage lasted three years and the list of cities visited included many of the great ports of the world. Mr. Fowler served as steward of a trading vessel that cruised in Chinese waters. He was washed ashore at Manila at the time of the great typhoon in 1881 and saw much of the destruction wrought by that great upheaval of nature. He was married at Searsport in 1883. Tiring of that ocean life, he stopped at Des Moines about ten years ago with friends with the intention of locating farther west. Given the opportunity of working for Lockwood, he refused the small salary offered and accepted a commission on the amount of grain purchased instead. At the end of two months a satisfactory salary was substituted for the commission. The business has enjoyed a steady growth, grounds, buildings and machinery having been added as needed. For some time the enormous grain crop of the past two seasons have taxed its facilities to the utmost, additional cribs have been constructed and it has been necessary to run the machinery night and day to keep ahead of the volume of business. Views of the home of Mr. Fowler and the office of the Lockwood Co. are shown in this edition.

the same is said to be the rule in the larger cities. The farm gives to the trades and professions their successful men. One of these farmers' sons who may be classed with the successful is H. L. Munn, who was born at Lyons, N. Y., in 1840. With the exception of the years he gave to his country as a member of the 9th N. Y. A., Mr. Munn followed farming until 1875. He then engaged in the furniture business five years. He left that to deal in lumber. In 1886 he moved to Oxford, Iowa, from which place he moved to Ames in 1891. At both Oxford and Ames he continued in the lumber business. His business here also includes the handling of lime, cement and sewer pipe. January 1st his son, Fred H., was admitted to partnership. The new member of the firm has a thorough understanding of the business in which he has actively assisted for several years. Mr. Munn, Sr., also possesses a half interest in a lumber yard at Nevada. He has served as member of the Ames board of education for several years, to the great advantage of our public schools.

TILDEN BROS. & CO.

The two largest mercantile establishments in Ames have, it might be said, a common origin. Geo. G. Tilden, who founded the business now managed by his heirs, was for fourteen years associated with D. A. Bigelow and H. C. Huntington in the general merchandizing business. He came to Ames as we have stated elsewhere, in 1869. In 1883 he left the firm of Bigelow, Hunt-



Interior of Dry Goods Department of Tilden Bros. & Co.

GROVE BROS.

One of the best business locations in Ames is that of Grove Bros., who for five years have occupied the corner store room of the opera house building. They carry a stock of dry goods, groceries and notions. The convenient shelving and large space gives opportunity for the neat and attractive ar-

term by Thos. Thompson, who had previously filled the office of V. C. Others who have filled the highest office in the gift of the lodge are Henry Whitehead, F. N. Fowler, C. F. Curtiss, and Geo. E. Baker, the present incumbent. Other officers are V. C., E. L. Moffit, Prelate, J. Galen Tilden, M. of W., John Murphy, M. of A., Rob. Bigelow,



Grove Bros' General Store Opera House Block.

range of stock. They give considerable time to this part of the work, and to the care of goods which, insuring a cleanly condition, means a great deal to the grocery buyer. J. J. and A. F. Grove constitute the firm. The first named was born in Story county, being the first man described herein to claim that honor. He obtained his education in the Ames high school and

K. of R. & S., F. L. Munn, M. of E., B. J. Sheldon, M. of F. C., A. Talman, I. G., John Mitchell, O. G., John Theo. DeGork. Since reorganization the lodge has flourished, steadily increasing in membership and interest. The membership Jan. 1 was 67. Champion Lodge holds its sessions in one of the finest lodge rooms in the city. It is brilliantly lighted by electricity. Vis-



The Forty-Seven Loads of Corn.

Ames is a great grain center. The picture of Main street crowded with teams resulted from one man being aided by his neighbors in getting his grain to market. It took forty-seven teams to haul the eleven cent cereal to the elevator.

ington & Tilden and devoted his time the following year to the construction of the store building which he sold to his former partners. He then started in business for himself in the old familiar lines, succeeding so well that it was necessary to add more space and so the east room was added in 1889. Since



Interior of Grove Bros.' General Merchandise Store.

spent one year as a student at the I. A. C. Employed by Bigelow & Huntington and Nourse Bros. for a few years, he helped organize the Grove Zenor Co. in '92, which was succeeded seven months later by Grove Bros. A. F. Grove had followed farming as an occupation until embarking in business with his brother. They have enjoyed a good trade and like other merchants of this place have a right to expect that

iting members are cordially invited to attend its meetings which are held weekly on Monday evenings.

SHOES, OXFORDS, RUBBERS.

New spring goods are now in stock. Yes, they are all here. We are anxious to show them to you. Our \$2.00 line of men's and women's shoes will please you and your relatives.

J. H. COOK,
South Main St.

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JOHN H. WILLIAMS.

John H. Williams, court reporter for the 11th judicial district, is of Welsh descent. Most of his ancestors were soldiers by profession. His grandfather, Col. Levi Williams, who moved from Kentucky to Illinois at an early day, led the militia that drove the Mormons out of Nauvoo and started these people on their westward journey to Utah. His father was an officer in the late war. His home was at Warsaw, Ill., where his son John H. was born and educated. The education was obtained at the Warsaw Seminary which had the unusual feature of a Shakespearean course. His study of Shakespeare dates from this time and was inspired by this portion of the seminary work. Starting out to make his own way at the age of fifteen, he learned telegraphy and two years later was put in charge of his first office. He followed this work until twenty-four years of age. He had always desired to obtain a college education but this being impossible he substituted therefor a course of self study.



He purchased the books ordinarily used in college and with such private instruction as could be obtained, studied them. He learned shorthand by this method. Mr. Williams came to Ames on receiving the appointment of court reporter for this district in '89. While attending to his work in the courts Mr. Williams found time to study law and was admitted to practice. He has filled the office of city solicitor for Ames. Mr. Williams has helped his natural gifts of elocution by taking special training at the Emerson School of Oratory at Boston. He expects to take additional training at the same institution. Mr. Williams was married to Miss Emma Gutting at Warsaw, Ill., in 1883.

CHAS. W. DUDGEON

Engaged in business in this city since 1893. Mr. Dudgeon until that time had been a resident of the great state on our eastern border, where he was born and grew to manhood. He acquired his education in the schools of Mendota, Ill., and took a special course in a business college which flourished there. His father is a contractor and builder but while the son learned something about the father's business he preferred to follow the jeweler's trade instead and has



done so for sixteen years. He first went into business for himself at Colfax, Ill. He has been at the business long enough to understand it thoroughly in all its departments. Parties who call at his place of business to inspect his goods will find that his stock is varied and extensive and priced at figures that allow as small a margin of profit as that which satisfies the cheapest of his competitors. He shows excellent

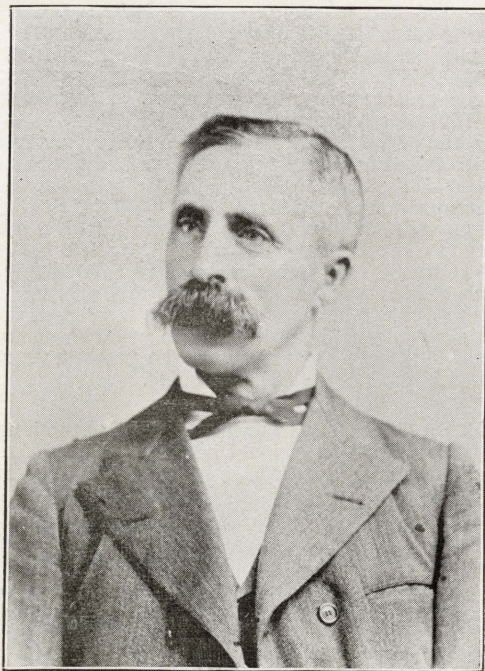
taste in the purchase of his stock and accords customers that courtesy of treatment that makes the satisfied and continuous customer.

Dr. Harry Kelso, who has lived in Ames and vicinity for nearly twenty years was born at Auburn, Oregon, Oct. 28, 1863. When four years of age he



with his parents made the trip across the plains by wagon to Cedar Co., this state, where they resided until coming to Story Co. Young Kelso clerked, farmed, and taught school until entering the Dental department of the State University from which he graduated in 1892. Has been a member of the state Dental society since graduation. He at once took up the practice of his profession in Ames and the attendant success has justified him in remaining. He was married to an Ames girl Miss Rosabelle Erb at Des Moines on July 4th, '85. Dr. and Mrs. Kelso with their two children reside in a pleasant home on Duff street.

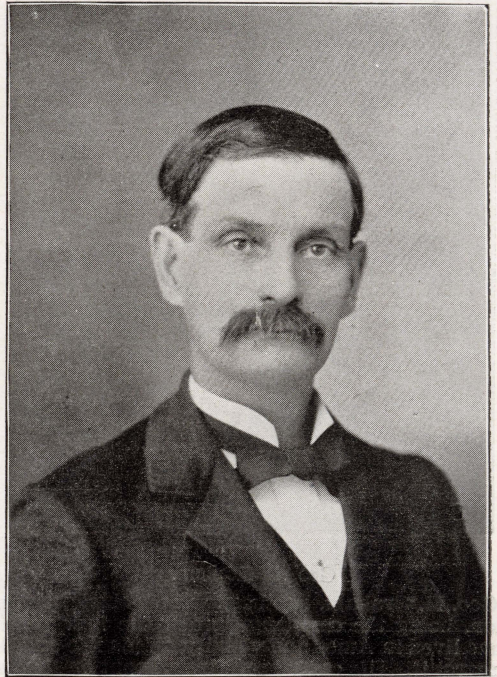
The John H. Queal Lumber Co., which has a branch yard in Ames is a big concern with headquarters at Minneapolis. It has forty-one branch yards located principally in northwestern Iowa and in the Dakotas. John H. Queal the head of the company and the founder of the business was an early settler in the vicinity of Ames, managing a farm one mile south of the college for a number of years. He left the farm to travel for his uncles who residing in Chicago held large lumber interests in the south. He afterward entered the employ of C. Lamb & Sons, of Clinton, from whom he bought the Ames lumber yard in 1882. He had previously established yards at Jewell Junction



tion Story City and Sheldahl. In the spring of '83 he removed to Des Moines, and a few years later made his home and headquarters at Minneapolis. From the time of Mr. Queal's removal to Des Moines the Ames business of the concern has been carefully looked after by Van Chamberlain. Since he assumed management he has not been charged with a day's loss of time. Mr. Chamberlain came to this city in 1875 and began working for W. D. Lucas in a grist mill which that gentleman owned. As an instance of the fairness and generosity on the part of Mr. Lucas varying from those usually told of the old time banker, Mr. Chamberlain relates that on quitting his service he was paid \$5.00 per month additional wages above the contract price without demand on his part for additional compensation. Van Chamberlain aside from being a good business man takes considerable interest in city matters. He was a member of the city council at the time the

City Hall was built and was recently nominated for councilman from the Second ward and will undoubtedly be elected. It may be added that John H. Queal and his sister Mrs. Beyers have generously contributed to the aid of various improvements that have been made in the city that was once their home.

Postmaster Parley Sheldon was born near Cleveland, Ohio, but this fact does not explain his life long adherence to democracy. At the breaking out of the war he entered the volunteer service and was with the army of the Cumberland, or the army of the East until the close of hostilities, from Ft. Fisher to Johnson's surrender. He heard the last artillery shot of the rebellion which was fired in a light skirmish, which took place between Goldsborough and Raleigh, North Carolina. Mr. Sheldon came to town in '74 and lived in Cedar Co. two years. Two years later he located in Story Co. He followed the occupation of farming for a number of years devoting special attention to the breeding of fine horses. In the fall of '82 he became a resident of Ames and the following spring was elected



a member of the city council. The next spring he was elected mayor. He has served six terms as mayor and since '84 has continually held either the position of mayor or postmaster, serving in this latter capacity during the two Cleveland administrations. His period of service as mayor was signalized by the putting in of a system of water works substantially the same as that we have today with the exception of the new pump recently placed in position. Mr. Sheldon was the first superintendent of the Ames & College Railway for three years and overseeing several important features of its construction. He is president of the Story County Bank which was organized in 1890, as the successor to the bank which Armstrong & Robinson organized in 1871. This bank has done a flourishing business since it came under the present management and is recognized as a strong institution.

W. H. Thurston, senior member of the hardware firm of Thurston & Graham, grew up in the business he is now engaged in. While his father was a farmer and his early years were spent on the farm, he had

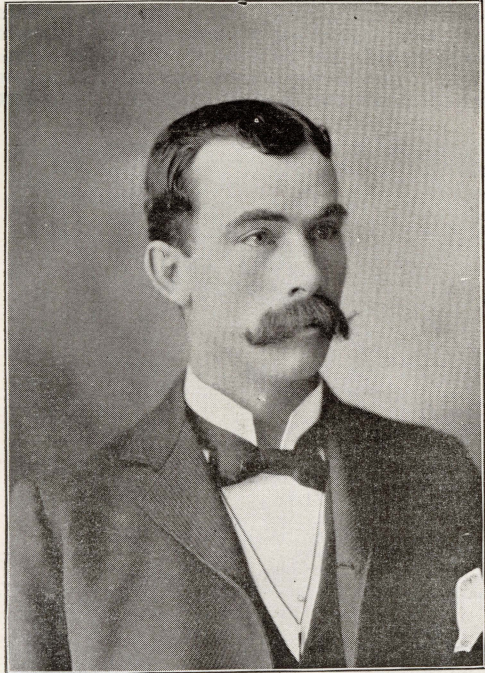


W. H. Thurston

older brothers who were dealers in hardware and with them he learned the business. He was born in Kankakee county, Ill., in 1861. To the training of the public schools headed that of a course in the business college of Bryant & Stratton at Chicago, and some years afterwards graduated from the well known Normal College of Valparaiso, Ind. Giving but little time to teaching for which the course in the last

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named institution had fitted him, he returned to the familiar business and the tinner's bench, a trade which he had mastered after leaving the business college. Well equipped for the business, he had no difficulty in obtaining employment and filled a number of desirable situations in Illinois and in this state previously to embarking in business for himself. While he had visited Iowa before, his permanent residence dates from 1878, when he located at Sac City. In 1890 Mr. Thurston decided to make his home in Ames. He was first employed by H. P. McLain, but after two years helped organize the firm of Thurston, Swan & Co. At the death of Mr. Swan the firm name was changed to Thurston & Graham. The junior member of this firm,

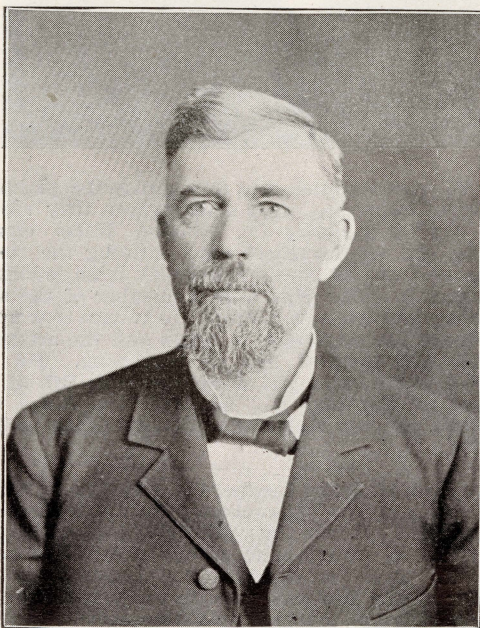


Geo. H. Graham.

Mr. Geo. H. Graham, has been with it since its organization, being the company part of the first venture. He has lived in Ames and vicinity all his life and does not regret it. His early years were spent on the farm and through the ownership of a farm in Hamilton county he is still connected with that occupation. He received the training of the common schools. But little more can be said of Mr. Graham other than that he is at present an active member of a prosperous firm. He has not yet followed the example of his partner, who was married to Miss Rose Smith in Sac county in '87, but remains single outside the obligations of business ties. The firm has a satisfactory trade which the fair and courteous treatment accorded their customers makes it certain they will retain.

H. S. Goble, who claims the distinction of being the pioneer harness man of Story county, is a native of Indiana. He was the son of a farmer and had those early advantages of hard work and fresh country air that have contributed so much to the making of the nation's successful men. He attended the country

in 1875 and embarked in business for himself. Only the firms of Read and Bingham of those engaged in business when Mr. Goble came to Ames remain to-day as they were then without important modification or change. In fact in this country of change twenty-two years may be considered more than a business generation. There is hardly a city in the state but what in a less period of time witnesses an entire transformation of its business enterprises. The vicissitudes of business and the hand of death make radical changes in the directory of a city in a very little while. Since coming to Ames Mr. Goble has been in business for himself with the exception of four years when he was employed by Geo. France, now of Des Moines, to whom he had sold out. The brick building which he occupies to-day and has owned and occupied for nineteen years is the first brick building ever put up in the city. A man who has resided in the same place and followed the same business for years must have a large number of customers on his list who have bought of him steadily for a long time and who could not be tempted to go elsewhere for things needed in his line and this is Mr. Goble's situation. There have been many changes since he took up his trade. Machine-made goods have been substituted for the hand-made product, to a large extent. But the goods sold by Mr. Goble, whether hand or machine-made, have good records of longevity, several sets of harness sold by him during the first year in business having been in constant use until the past year. A good enough showing, surely.

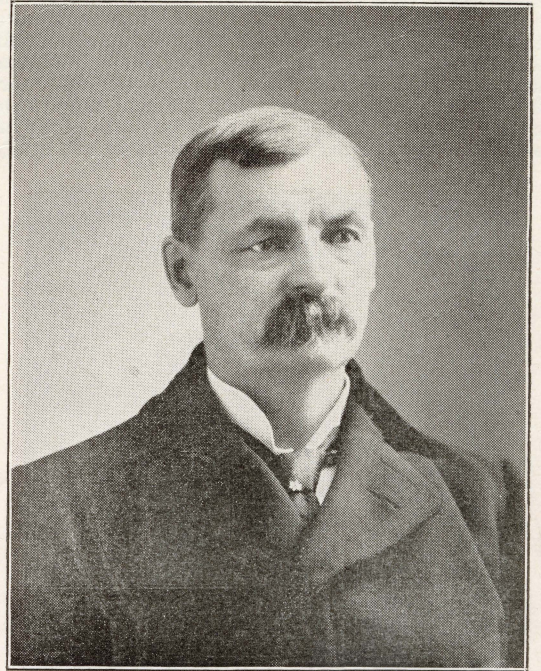


F. T. McLain.

F. T. McLain, member of the city council from the first ward, was born March 28, 1841, in Bedford Co., Pa.; moved to Illinois in 1845, coming to Story county, Iowa, thirteen years later. At the breaking out of the war he enlisted in the 14th Iowa Infantry. At the battle of Shiloh April 6, '62, he was taken prisoner and so remained until the 16th of November of the same year, when he was so fortunate as to be exchanged and rejoined his regiment. His period of army service covered three years and three months, at the end of which he returned to Story county and resumed farming. Land in those days had not reached the prevailing high figures. Mr. McLain purchased his first quarter section for \$1,100.00, of which \$400.00 only was cash. He lived on this farm until 1892, when he sold it and adjoining 320 acres which he had annexed to it and moved to Ames. The following year he was elected mayor against his own wishes. Refusing to qualify his experience with municipal office holding dates back to 1894, when he was chosen councilman. His term expiring with the present year he has been named again for that office.

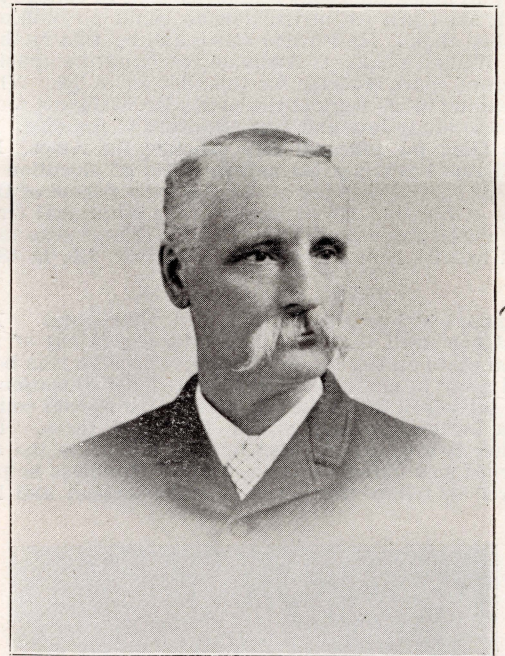
J. E. Davis is one of the most recent accessions to the ranks of the enterprising business men of Ames. He came to this city in 1895, buying out O. F. Martin, in 1867. The city at that time did not have a

tom.' He was born in Missouri and came to this state by way of Wisconsin and Illinois. His first experience of trade was acquired in a general store in Wisconsin. After several years he embarked on an independent career, going into business himself. He next moved to Kingston, Ill., where he remained five years. The next step located him in Ames. Mr. Davis carries an extensive and carefully selected stock and aims to make it an object to prospective buyers in his line to give him a call.



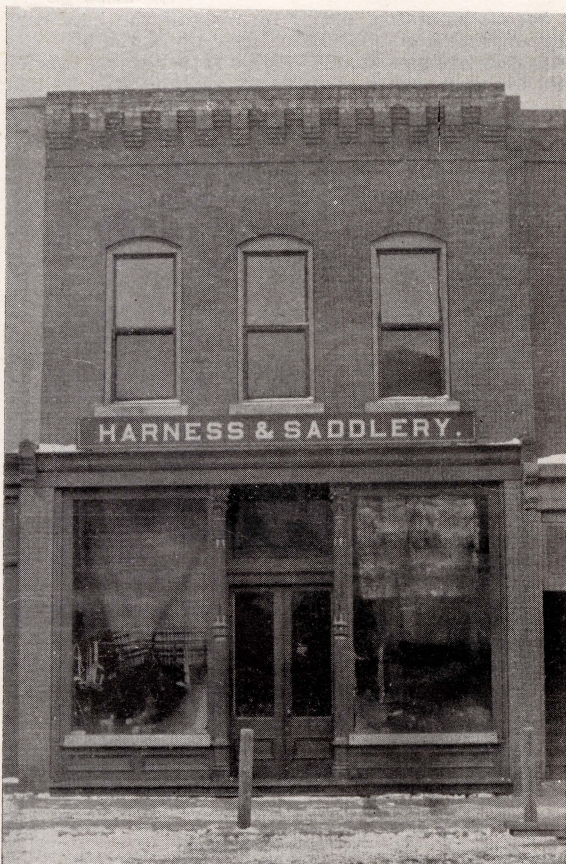
W. G. Wright.

Mr. Wright is one of the few representatives of the pioneer business men of Ames, now living in the city in which he settled in 1866. He is well known over the state on account of his prominence in prohibition ranks.



D. N. Maxwell.

Mr. Maxwell first became a resident of Ames



The Store Building of H. S. Goble.

school for a time but finished his education in the schools of DeKalb, Ill. It is now nearly thirty years since Mr. Goble started to learn the harness making trade at Columbus City, Iowa. After seven years' experience in the shops of other men he came to Ames

and engaging in the hardware business. Soon afterwards he changed locations, moving his stock of goods into the store room vacated by J. B. Elliott in the Opera House Block. Mr. Davis engaged in a business that he has mastered by "working up from the bot-



Interior of J. E. Davis' Hardware Store.

population exceeding three hundred people. He followed carpentering until 1883, since which time he has been variously engaged in the restaurant, grocery and hotel business in partnership

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with his son A. B. Maxwell. He has just leased the West Hotel, which he has owned for several years and has not yet decided what he will do. Mr. Maxwell has a great many stories to tell of early days in Ames, when main street was an almost impassable bog at certain seasons of the year and faith in the future of the city was below par. Mrs. Maxwell also has a store of anecdotes of early days—the one describing the raid made on the saloon in the basement of the West Hotel, being the most striking to a modern resident.

JAMES FOWLER,

The only tailor in Ames, learned his trade in the shop of his father at Searsport, Maine, serving an apprenticeship of seven years. The knowledge of the trade thus obtained has been supplemented by the experience gained in several of the large establishments in Boston, where he was employed as head cutter for a num-



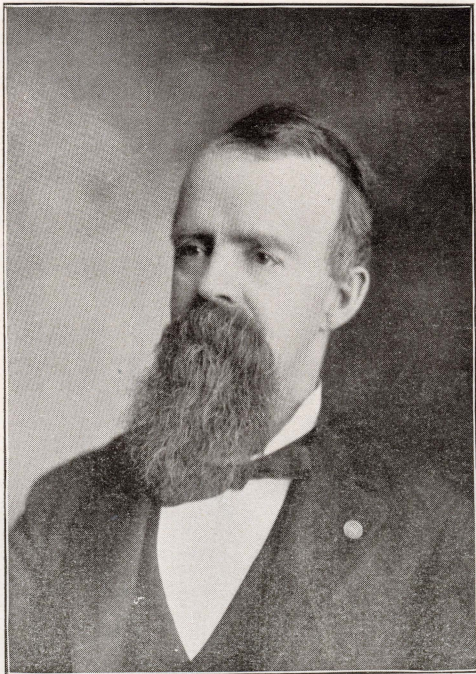
ber of years. He has also worked in other cities, it is not unlikely learning something new from each employer. He has had a large share of the local business since coming to this place and by skillfully outlining the work and carefully supervising competent help he has secured himself in the possession of the field from which competition has withdrawn. His place of business is under the Story Co. Bank.

IOWA STATE COLLEGE.

To the man who feels that Ames is terribly handicapped in the race for supremacy in desirable things, a few words concerning the greatest educational institution of Iowa located within the corporate limits of Ames may come with a message of inspiration. The Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts has been often described for the readers of magazines and the larger dailies of the state. In addition numerous publications put out by its students and the advertising matter circulated by the college itself have made the plan, scope and work of the institution familiar topics of conversation to many readers of this article. Space will not permit more than a brief reference to an institution whose location within her boundaries has meant infinitely more to Ames in volume of business and the culture inspired by it than could ever result from convenient court house or county jail.

The origin of the college dates back to 1858 when the state passed an act providing for an "Agricultural College and Model Farm." As a factor of educational importance it really originated in 1868, when the national congress endowed it with generous donation of public lands by the passage of an act providing for the establishment of such institutions in the states and territories. The same year the conditions of this grant were accepted by the general assembly of the state. The college ranks with the best to-day in efficiency of equipment in all departments and in the eminently successful results of its work. To consider the institution as entirely devoted to agricultural education is an error and a not uncommon one. Its instruction in that line is nowhere surpassed in practical thoroughness but equal opportunities are afforded the student in the sciences related to the industries with equally satisfactory results. Instead of making special mention of the various departments with their laboratories and other facilities for giving instruction

The newest venture in the grocery business in Ames is that of Miller & Kooser who bought out Maxwell & Son February 11, 1896. The senior member of this firm was born in McLain Co., Ill., in 1841. Came to Story Co. in 1856, and engaged in farming. In connection with his farm he managed a nursery for



T. J. MILLER

nine years. He served with credit in the union army enlisting in August, 1862. In politics, as might be inferred from the fact mentioned above, he has been a consistent republican and his party services were recognized by his election to the office of county treasurer in 1891. At the conclusion of his second term he moved to this city and formed the present business partnership. J. B. Kooser, the junior member of the firm, is a second native of Story Co. found in the ranks of Ames business men. Growing up on a Milford township farm, in 1886 he located in northwestern Nebraska, clerking in a general store until 1895, when he returned to this county.

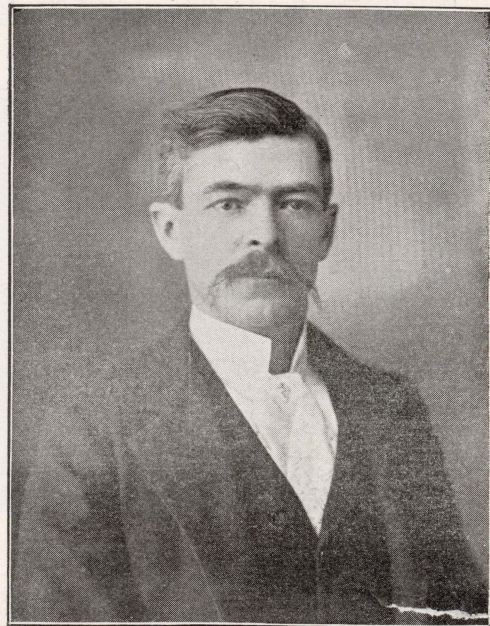
At first working in a hardware store he became his own employer on the date mentioned above. In 1888 he was married to Miss Ella Hunter, whose parents were residents of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Kooser now live in the Sexton residence, illustrated elsewhere. To show that the new venture has been successful we have only to mention the fact that they have found it necessary to double the stock carried.



PRESIDENT W. M. BEARDSHEAR.

PERRY BOWERS.

Another Illinois man who lives in Ames is Perry Bowers, who has just completed one term of service as a member of the city council. That he is to succeed himself is an assured fact. He has proved himself a valuable public servant. Mr. Bowers grew up on a farm but left that occupation to manage a meat market. From '83 to '85 he was in this business at Tampa, Florida, but did not stay until the boom was on. He entered the employ of a big wholesale hide concern at Chicago, for whom he traveled over Iowa. In 1890 he purchased an interest in a meat market here where he has since resided. His present partner, Chris. Sorenson, is a native of the Danish province of Schleswig Holstein, now a part of the German Empire. He came to this country in 1866. Living at Davenport for a time, he moved to the vicinity of Story City where he followed farming for fifteen



years. Since buying an interest in the meat market he has lived in Ames. Messrs. Bowers & Sorenson, both understand the business they follow thoroughly and keep up with the times in all its departments.

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we summarize it all with the statement that there are very few colleges where the student will find so many aids to scientific research as at the agricultural college of Iowa which numbers among its faculty some who rank among the noted scientists of this country. The college grounds contain 120 acres which the skill of the landscape gardener has transformed into as beautiful a campus as can be found in the United States. The buildings have in most cases been admirably designed for the work carried on beneath their roofs and while sometimes inadequate to the needs of the hour, compare favorably with those of institutions similarly situated.

The year just opening will, probably, judging from the enrollment up to date, be marked by a larger attendance than that of last year. The attendance and results of the winter dairy school just closed were both satisfactory.

Dr. Beardshear, who has been at the head of the institution since 1891, has a state-wide reputation as an able executive, and should be addressed by parties wishing additional information concerning the work of the college.

LOUD, THE UNDERTAKER.

Appreciating past favors and soliciting a share of your future patronage, can now be found in the Duncan building, where he intends conducting the only exclusive undertaking parlors in Story county, giving entire time and attention to the undertaking business. He wishes also to call attention of parties wishing furniture repaired, fine cabinet work done to order or desiring to purchase furniture who will find it to their interest to give him a call.

Yours respectfully,

GEO. D. LOUD,
Duncan Building, South Side Main St.,
Ames, Iowa.

W. P. Fitchpatrick, Nevada, Iowa,
abstracts, loans and insurance.

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NORTHWESTERN MFG. CO.

The Northwestern Fence Co. began business in Ames in March, 1892, the firm consisting of C. H. and B. F. Sies. The first named was resident manager while the latter had charge of the Enterprise Fence Factory at Oxford, Ia. He later sold out his interest there and moved to Ames. In March, 1894, another brother J. L. Sies became connected with the firm and looked after the shipping and book keeping departments. New machinery was added in

phesy a continued growth as the consequence of judicious advertising and skillful and careful work.

Make yourself secure in the possession of your real estate by obtaining an abstract which tells you its true history. W. P. Fitchpatrick, of Nevada, Iowa, is in the abstract business and his reports are reliable.

Fraternal orders unsketched in this instance but nevertheless flourishing are G. A. R., W. R. C., Redmen,

as stated above the volume of business transacted has always been satisfactory. Mr. Hamilton was married in 1893 to Margaret Bigelow, a daughter of that pioneer business man, D. A. Bigelow.

A & C. RAILWAY.

The boundaries of the city of Ames includes the college farm which, while some distance away from the business district, has been brought in close association with it by that powerful factor in the geography of commerce, the

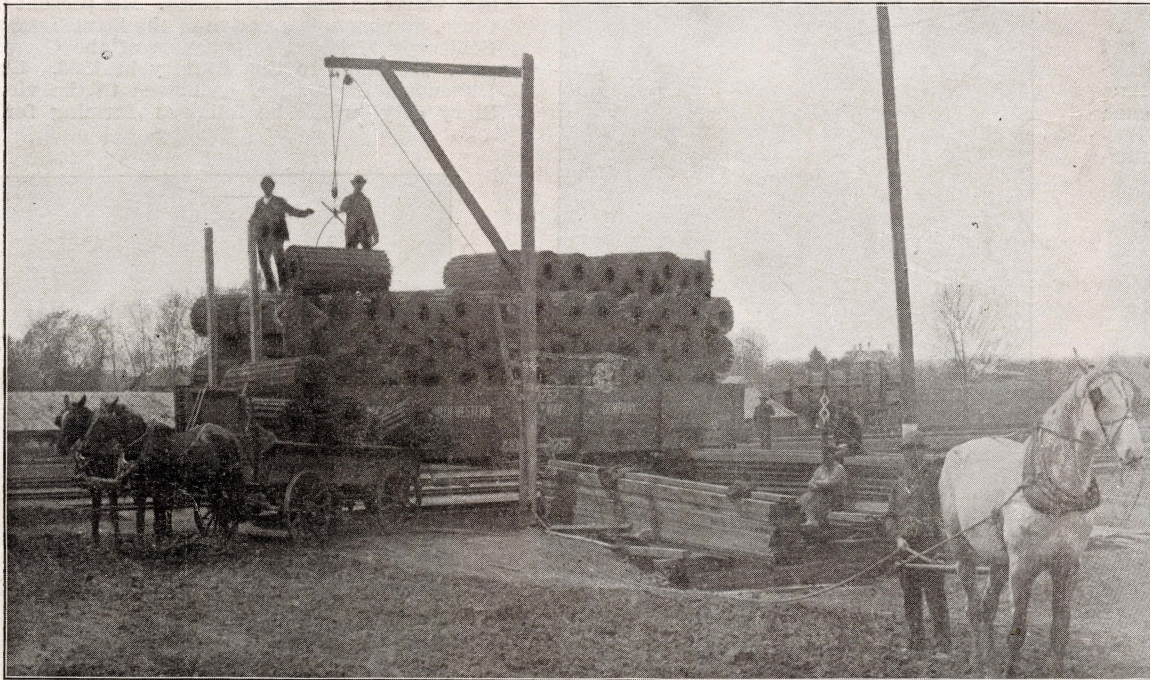
A. & C. Ry. as grouped with light plant and college as a trinity of forces that more than all else will help in the making of Ames what it ought to be and hasten the day of realization.

C. F. CURTISS.

C. F. Curtiss was born in Illinois in 1863, his parents moving to Story county in the succeeding year. He might almost lay equal claim to Iowa as the state of his nativity, and he has ever since been a resident of this county. He entered I. A. C. in 1884, graduating with his class in 1887. For the three years following his graduation he was a successful live stock farmer. In 1891 he was appointed State Statistical Agent for the United States Department of Agriculture and also Assistant Director of the Iowa Experiment Station. Prof. Curtiss has become eminent as a lecturer on Live Stock and is painstaking in his researches in all agricultural subjects. Naturally interested along this line from his youth up, he has added to his natural talent by study and experiment. He paved the way to his recent promotion to the position of Acting Director simply by making himself indispensable in the management of the station.

Mr. Curtiss was married in 1893 to Miss Ollie M. Wilson, an I. A. C. alumnus, and a class mate of his. They live in one of the handsomest houses in Ames.

The publishers of this paper grew up on a Henry Co. farm. The senior member, R. F. Hodson, graduated from the Agricultural College in 1891, and took charge of the Salem (Ia.) News in December of the same year. In July, 1894, he and his brother Laurence, who had completed the first half of the junior year at the same educational institution purchased the Intelligencer. Since the sale of the News in October, 1895, both have given their undivided attention to the development of this plant. It is needless to say that both are gratified with the results that have



Northwestern Manufacturing Co.

The Northwestern Reservoir, Storage and all kinds and styles Tanks and tank heaters. Slat and wire fence. Agents for Tecktonious malleable iron hoop lock.

1895 for the purpose of manufacturing tanks and doing other kinds of wood-work. The next year machinery for grinding feed was added and a new business in that line established. In order that the firm name might designate all the features of the business in the spring of '96, it was rechristened the Northwestern Mfg. Co., with B. F. Sies president, J. L. Sies secretary and treasurer, and C. H. Sies manager. The firm does a wholesale and retail business in the lines above mentioned, making a specialty of the manufacture of wagon thresher tanks. B. F. Sies, whose residence is shown elsewhere, efficiently served the first ward as councilman so far as the business engagements that finally forced his resignation would permit.

ARTISTIC PHOTOGRAPHER.

As mentioned elsewhere most of the photographs from the engravings illustrating this edition were made were taken by C. A. Wales, manager of the Ames branch of the Knowlton galleries. The high quality of the engravings is the proof of first-class work in the preparation of the pictures from which the engravings were made. It takes an accurate knowledge of light and shade and proper posing to present the subject in the best possible shape for either photograph or engraving. It takes a wide experience to put a man in possession of all these essentials of his art and this Mr. Wales has had. When Mr. Knowlton purchased the galleries of W. P. Taylor at Ames and Boone he took charge of the latter

Daughters of Rebecca, I. O. G. T., and a number of other civic societies of more recent origin. There are a number of reading circles and other literary organizations worthy of notice. The city library which recent benefits have placed in a condition greatly favorable to growth, promises to be a noteworthy feature of Ames' future life. The space originally allotted to this work is already crowded and we make the above enumeration with regret that we have not greater space nor time at our command.

If you desire an abstract of your real estate holdings on which you can put absolute dependence call on W. P. Fitchpatrick at Nevada, who has complete records and knows the abstract business thoroughly.

Frank Gibson, who not long ago purchased the restaurant and bakery of T. W. Sheldon, has decided to call his place of business the Palace Restaurant. Himself a baker by trade, he has not taken hold of a line of work with which he is unfamiliar. He occupies a good building in a first-class location and succeeding a man that managed the business so as to increase its quantity, is sure to hold the old trade and add to it considerable that is new.

S. G. Hamilton, who does an enormous business in the grocery line each year, was born in Missouri but brought up in New York. In 1883 he moved with his father's family to Ames. Three years ago the business he now owns was started and from the begin-

ning received a satisfactory patronage. Chas. Hamilton when elected county clerk in 1894 disposed of his interest in the firm of Hamilton & Co., to his son, the subject of this short article. A complete grocery stock is carried and

railway. In number of miles of track and value of rolling stock the A. & C. Ry. is classed with smaller systems of the country but as a force contributing to the growth of Ames and the college it has shown results all out of proportion to its size. We do not know who made the first suggestion of such a railway but two or three students in the class of '90 who wrote their graduating papers on the subject first demonstrated its practicability. Judge Stevens, now of Boone, was an active promoter of the enterprise, and with the co-operation of a number of leading citizens, succeeded in completing it in 1891. It is worthy of note that the period of greatest growth in the history of Ames and of the college immediately followed the completion of this enterprise. The volume of business transacted by the road during the first months that it was in operation so far exceeded the expectations of many people who had doubted its success that it at once acquired the reputation of being a great dividend payer. As is usually the case the reports of enormous profits that have since been put in circulation have been greatly exaggerated. In proof of this we state that no dividends were paid during the first three years, that the earnings for the next two years was measured by the ordinary rate of interest, 8 per cent, that 6 per cent was the last dividend declared, all this on a capital stock of \$20,000. In a general way it may be assumed that the non-stockholding portion of the population have received a benefit not much inferior to that obtained by the stockholders. Scathing criticism is the portion of any enterprise classed as a corporation. It has been assumed in common conversation that the A. & C. Ry. was the possession of cold hearted capitalists who only smiled with any degree of satisfaction when trampling on individual rights. Thirty-four parties own its stock, the majority of whom it would be the compliment of sarcasm to describe as capitalists. To some of these it is a matter of considerable consequence whether the road is wrecked or continues to pay a fair rate of interest on the amount invested. These words are not written in defense of any of the actions of its management remote or recent but are inspired by the evident fact that what are designated as mistakes when made by an individual are classed as crimes when committed by a corporation. The men interested in this enterprise have usually shown the average amount of public spirit and have lived lives in perfect accord with the moral and business standards. Recognition of these qualities is not out of place in a work like this. And regardless of accidents or criticisms merited or otherwise, we look on the



R. F. HODSON

attended their efforts in this direction. Much has been added to the equipment of the plant and this souvenir edition that few offices in the state could more than duplicate in mechanical excellence is proof of its present completeness. R. F. Hodson was married in March, 1895 to Margaret Gifford, a graduate of the I. A. C., in the class of '93.

THE INTELLIGENCER OFFICE FORCE.

The proprietors of the Intelligencer not only take pride in the equipment of their plant, but in their capable and faithful employes, as well. The personnel of the office is made up as follows:

R. F. Hodson, Business Manager.
L. C. Hodson, Editor.
Will. L. King, Foreman Composing Room.
Harry M. Morris, Pressman.
Sol Olson, Job and Ad Compositor.
Miss Minnie Smythe, Compositor.
L. D. Blackman, Compositor.



Residence of S. G. Hamilton.

himself and placed Mr. Wales in charge of the former. From the first the Ames branch received a generous patronage which has grown as knowledge of the skill of the operator in charge has become general. We pro-

posed a continued growth as the consequence of judicious advertising and skillful and careful work.